

Cleveland
Cavaliers'
LeBron James

Orlando Magic's
Dwight Howard

**LeBron
show**

Superstars of
the East
ready to
face off

Back page

**or
Magic
trick?**

Road rules: Obama announces plan to curb auto emissions, cut foreign oil dependence **Page 6**

Memorial Day: U.S. bases in Pacific plan events for the holiday weekend **Page 3**

Silver lining? College graduates can use recent economic woes as learning tool **Page 12**

STARS AND STRIPES.®

Volume 68, No. 34 ©SS 2009 J

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009

PRINTED IN THE U.S.A. 100% RECYCLED PAPER. 100% POST-CONSUMER WASTE. 100% SOY INK. 100% FIBER. 100% GREEN. 100% BUILT FOR THE FUTURE.

50¢

Mullen: New tactics could help turn tide in Afghanistan

BY ANNE GEARAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's top military officer warned Monday that the deaths of Afghan civilians caught up in U.S. combat operations could cripple President Barack Obama's revamped strategy for the 7-year-old war.

"I believe that each time we do that, we put our strategy in jeopardy," Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said. "We cannot succeed ... in Afghanistan by killing Afghan civilians."

Mullen said additional forces and new tactics can help the United States turn a discouraging tide in Afghanistan. He said he was hopeful that "in the next 12 to 24 months, that we can stem the trends which have been going very badly in Afghanistan the last three years."

But speaking at the Brookings Institution, Mullen sounded frustrated that as the first of 21,000 U.S. reinforcements arrive, Taliban insurgents are having a seemingly easy time using America's military prowess against it.

Mullen pointed to this month's disputed U.S. airstrikes in Farah province, in which women and children were apparently among dozens of civilians killed.

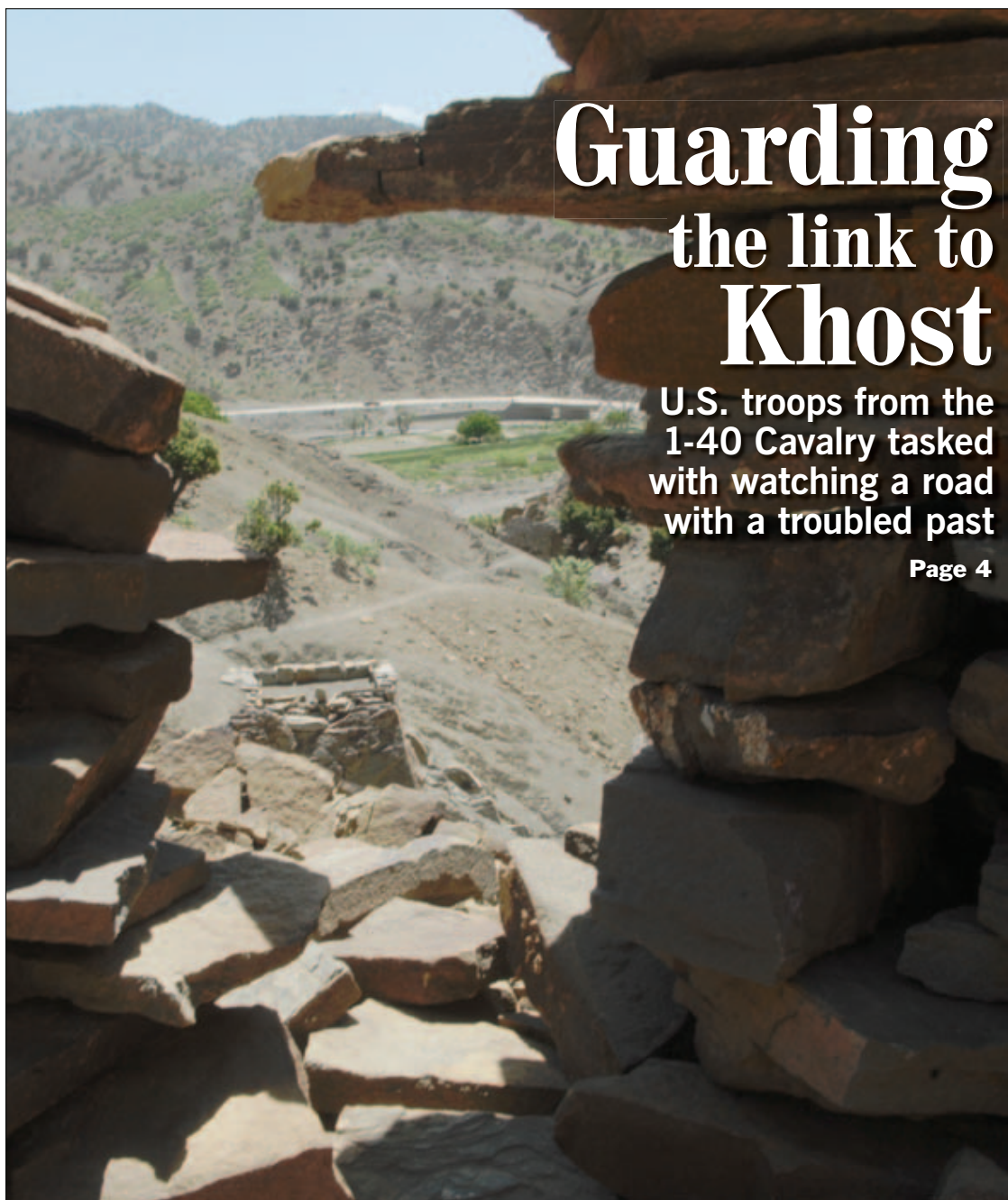
The United States says the Taliban is responsible for at least some of the deaths, but Mullen didn't spend much time defending U.S. actions.

The May 4-5 incident is still under investigation and Mullen indicated the details may always remain murky.

Mullen refused to rule out the use of unmanned drones, which the United States uses to target insurgent hide-outs in both Afghanistan and Pakistan. Witnesses in the latest incident say a drone flew overhead before the U.S. bombs fell.

"We can't tie our troops' hands behind their backs," Mullen said.

SEE MULLEN ON PAGE 2



Guarding the link to Khost

U.S. troops from the 1-40 Cavalry tasked with watching a road with a troubled past

Page 4

Two stacks of rocks make an easy observation post for insurgents looking to ambush convoys that are on the road that connects Khost with Gardez and the rest of Afghanistan, troops say. Soldiers from the 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment are assigned to protect the area with newly established bases while building ties with local tribes.

JAMES WARDEN/Stars and Stripes

QUOTE
OF THE DAY

"It certainly would be easier to get through the next 12 to 18 months if we had even more. But for now we've decided not to go through with that."

— Gen. George Casey, on the size of the Army

See story on Page 3

TOP CLICKS
ON STRIPES.COM

The most popular stories on our Web site:

1. To avoid punishment, gay troops often claim assault
2. Actors pitch in on visit to troops in Africa
3. Troops spruce up Iraq bases before departure
4. Satellite images helping police curb drug trade
5. GQ: War report covers featured

COMING
TOMORROWShifting
Gears

All you need to know about extended warranties

TODAY
IN STRIPES

Advice	20
American Roundup	16-17
Classified	22-23
Comics	18-20
Crossword	19
Faces	10
Horoscope	18
Letters	14
Opinion	14-15
Sports	24-32
Sudoku	18
TV listings	21
Weather	13
Wired World	11
Your Money	12

U.S. diplomat vows fewer Afghan deaths

By FISNIK ABRASHI AND
RAHIM FAIEZ
The Associated Press

KABUL — The new American ambassador to Afghanistan promised the families of those killed during a recent clash between troops and the Taliban that the U.S. would work to reduce civilian deaths.

The Afghan government, which contends that such killings undermine support for the fight against the militants, says 140 civilians died in the battle. The U.S. disputes that toll.

Karl Eikenberry, who joined President Hamid Karzai on a surprise visit near the site of the battle, spoke Tuesday before a gathering of more than 1,000 people at a mosque in the capital of western Farah province, said Abdul Gafar Watandar, the provincial police chief.

Eikenberry's trip appeared to be an attempt to soothe tensions that followed the disputed May 4-5 battle in Farah's Bala Buluk district.

Afghans blame U.S. airstrikes for the death and destruction in two villages in Bala Buluk, but it is unclear exactly how many people died there and under what circumstances.

An Afghan government commission said 140 civilians were killed, based on testimony collected from villagers. American officials say the Taliban held villagers hostage and that the casualty figure is exaggerated. They have not given their own estimate, however.

"I assure the people of Afghanistan that the United States will work tirelessly with your government, army and police to find ways to reduce the price paid by civilians, and avoid tragedies like



AFGHAN PRESIDENTIAL PALACE/AP

Afghan President Hamid Karzai, in a gray cap, listens to family members and relatives of the victims who were allegedly killed during coalition airstrikes earlier this month in Bala Buluk district, in the main mosque of Farah province, Afghanistan, on Tuesday.

what occurred in Bala Buluk," Eikenberry told the crowd, according to a transcript of remarks provided by the U.S. Embassy. "As U.S. ambassador, and with my previous experience as a soldier, I make this a solemn pledge."

A former army officer, Eikenberry served twice in Afghanistan before being appointed ambassador by President Barack Obama.

"This incident began with your brave police and army, together with their American partners, battling the Taliban. But it ended in a terribly tragic way, with loss of civilian lives as well as your policemen," he said.

Karzai has long pleaded with the U.S. to minimize civilian deaths during its military operations and not use airstrike in the villages.

"All those people who wear a turban and have local clothes are not Taliban," Karzai told the memorial service in Farah on Tuesday. U.S. troops "should cut down bombardment on them," he said.

New York-based Human Rights

Watch said last week its preliminary investigation found measures put in place by the U.S. military to safeguard civilians were inadequate.

Villagers told the watchdog group fighting broke out in Bala Buluk after Taliban arrived demanding a share of their poppy income, but it was during U.S. airstrikes that most civilians were killed.

The group reiterated its condemnation for Taliban practices of using civilians as human shields and deploying its fighters in populated areas. But Human Rights Watch said its interviews did not suggest residents were used as human shields in Bala Buluk.

Villagers also told researchers that the firefight between Taliban and Afghan and U.S. forces had ended before the evening bombings began, though some did say Taliban were still in the compounds.

Col. Greg Julian, the chief U.S. military spokesman, said video shot from an American aircraft during the battle "strongly re-

Mullen: General
sees improving
signs ahead

MULLEN, FROM PAGE 1

Afghans blame U.S. airstrikes for the deaths and destruction in two villages in the western province. American officials say the Taliban held villagers hostage during the fight.

"We've got to be very, very focused on making sure that we proceed deliberately, that we know who the enemy is," Mullen said. "The enemy uses this very effectively against us."

It is unclear how many people died. The Afghan government has paid out compensation to families for 140 dead, based on a list gathered from villagers. The U.S. military has said that figure is exaggerated, but it has not provided its own estimate.

If the Afghan toll is correct, it would be the largest case of civilian deaths since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion to oust the Taliban.

Mullen said he is encouraged that the first units arriving this spring seem to be off to a fast start. "I would look to 2009 and 2010 to be incredibly important years in Afghanistan," Mullen said. "The violence level is up, the Taliban is much better organized than they were before."

futes" the allegation that airstrikes killed the majority of civilians, in the later stages of the battle, as alleged by villagers.

"You can see these insurgents running at the last two locations that were struck," Julian said, suggesting there were militants present in the later stages of the fight.

Julian said 60 Afghan policemen, 150 soldiers and 15 intelligence agents were also present alongside American troops during the clash.

Correction

A May 17 story about teens' experiences living overseas misspelled Quincy Bazen's name.

This newspaper is authorized by the Department of Defense for members of the military services overseas. However, the contents of Stars and Stripes are unofficial, and are not to be considered as the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government. As a DOD newspaper, Stars and Stripes may be distributed through official channels and use appropriated funds for distribution to remote locations where overseas DOD personnel are located.

The appearance of advertising in this publication does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense or Stars and Stripes of the products or services advertised.

Products or services advertised shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

Get Your
Degree
Online.

- Associate of Science
 - Business
 - Computer Science
 - General Education
- Bachelor of Science
 - Business Administration
 - Computer Science
 - Criminal Justice
 - Management
 - Political Science
 - Psychology
 - Social Science
 - Sport and Fitness Management
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Resources and Technology Management
- Master of Business Administration
- Executive Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Post Secondary Education
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science
 - Criminal Justice
 - Human Resource Management
 - International Relations
 - Management

TROY
UNIVERSITY

A future of opportunities.

CAMPUS

All degree programs
are 100% online.

troy.edu

Casey: Army is big enough

By LEO SHANE III
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — In a stark contrast to years of lean recruiting, Army officials on Tuesday said they have exceeded end-strength goals, and resisted a senator's offer to increase their ranks by 30,000 more.

Such a move would cost another \$1 billion a year, an expense Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey said he's reluctant to embrace right now.

Congress had set an end strength goal of 547,000 active-duty soldiers by 2011, as part of efforts to increase capabilities and decrease the strain of deployments on units.

But Casey said the service has already reached 549,000, thanks to successful recruiting and retention efforts.

And even that may not be enough to fully relieve the strain of deployments over the next 18 months, Casey told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The Army has nearly doubled its troop numbers in Afghanistan in recent months, and large drawdowns of forces from Iraq

won't begin until 2010.

That prompted Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., to propose a temporary end strength increase of 30,000 more soldiers, in order to allow more dwell time immediately for units between deployments.

Casey said the service isn't interested, at least for now.

"It certainly would be easier to get through the next 12 to 18 months if we had even more," Casey said. "But for now we've decided not to go through with that."

Army officials said the service currently has about 20,000 combat wounded veterans unable to redeploy, a record number in the ranks.

Lieberman's 30,000 proposal was based on that figure, and echoed by other members of the Senate committee.

Casey said that neither he nor Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has ruled out a temporary end strength increase, especially if plans to pull troops from Iraq are delayed or changed.

But the Army is already \$2 billion behind in its personnel funds because of the

higher-than-expected end strength, money service officials hope to recoup in the war supplemental currently before Congress.

Another 30,000 troops would cost another \$1 billion in pay, benefits and support, Casey said.

Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell echoed those cost concerns.

"There are extraordinary costs associated with growing our force, and I think [Gates] is not convinced that that is the answer to some of the stress and strain that the force is feeling right now," he said.

Both Casey and Army Secretary Pete Geren said they do not anticipate the temporary increase in deployments to negatively affect their long-term plans for dwell-time changes, provided the two-year plans for Iraq and Afghanistan don't change drastically.

Currently, troops average about 17 months home for every year deployed. Army officials hope to increase that to two years between deployments by 2011.

Stars and Stripes reporter Jeff Schogol contributed to this story.

E-mail Leo Shane at: shanel@stripes.osd.mil

Yokota to host 30th Special Olympics

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Hundreds of athletes and volunteers from throughout the Kanto Plain are expected to gather at Yokota this weekend for the 30th Annual Kanto Plain Special Olympics.

The games will take place Saturday and Sunday at various venues across the base including Bonk Field, Tomodachi Lanes and the natatorium.

More than 300 athletes from 14 schools participated last year, including several area Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

USS Patriot makes visit to Philippines

The USS Patriot arrived Tuesday in Puerto Princesa in the Philippines for a scheduled port call, the U.S. Navy reported.

The port on the island of Palawan provided the crew of the mine-sweeper some time on the tropical island for the first time since 2007.

The area is home to the world's longest navigable underground river, among other attractions, the Navy said in a news release.

The Patriot is forward-deployed to Sasebo Naval Base in Japan.

Barbecue at Misawa base beach Friday

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The 35th Force Support Squadron is hosting a free Barbecue Bonanza on Friday at the base beach.

The event will be held from 1 to 5 p.m.

There is no parking allowed at the beach for the party, but shuttle transportation will be available from the northside shoppette and the Rocky Roost lower parking lot.

The beach dog park also will be closed Friday.

Call DSN 226-9378 for more information.

Himberg Pool to close for function on Friday

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The Himberg Pool will be closed Friday to support an official function, according to officials with the 35th Force Support Squadron.

The pool will reopen Saturday. Call DSN 226-9378 for more information.

From staff reports

Memorial Day events planned at Japan bases

Here's a look at Memorial Day weekend ceremonies planned on bases in Japan:

Misawa Air Base

■ Retreat ceremony, 4 p.m. Thursday at the base's 35th Fighter Wing headquarters, Building 507. Service dress uniform for military, smart casual wear for civilians.

Yokosuka Naval Base

■ Ceremony, 10 a.m. Monday at the Oneida Monument in Kasano Park on base. The event, open to all hands, will include a wreath laying, poem reading, 7th Fleet Band and remarks from base commanding officer Capt. Daniel Weed.

Naval Air Facility Atsugi

■ Ceremony, 10 a.m. Monday in the Navy Exchange parking lot. The event will include speeches from Atsugi commanding officer Capt. Eric Gardner and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9612 Vice Commander Joseph Mortimer. For more information, call DSN 264-3219.

Yokota Air Base

■ American Legion ceremony, 9 a.m. Monday at the Yokota Officers' Club Memorial Garden.

■ Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9555 ceremony, 10 a.m. Monday at Nina Circle.

From staff reports

Ordnance disposal competition



JUN-SUB KIM/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Pfc. Jordan Krogmann from the 718th Ordnance Company dismantles a mock bomb during the 2009 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team of the Year competition Monday at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex in South Korea. The winner is scheduled to be announced Thursday.

Misawa adds stricter traveler health screening

By T.D. FLACK
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Misawa base officials confirmed Tuesday that they are requiring all personnel — military and civilian — to complete a health screening questionnaire upon arrival at the base following international travel.

They also clarified that the decision to take the "stringent precautions" against any possible spread of swine flu was not ordered by U.S. Forces Japan, as originally stated Monday.

Instead, 35th Fighter Wing officials at Misawa decided to take the "additional measures," spokesman Capt. Martin Gerst said.

Under the new policy, all Misawa personnel

traveling from outside of Japan to the base must report to the 35th Medical Group within 10 days of arrival to complete the medical screening — similar to what Japanese officials already are asking all arriving passengers to do.

"We're just doing what [the Japanese] are doing," said Gerst.

He said the screening helps "make sure everyone is seen."

Gerst stressed that the decision was not made in response to a situation last week in which three military members who had flown through Narita International Airport were alerted that they might have been exposed to the H1N1 virus, or swine flu.

The troops were kept in their quarters, away from other people, were given medica-

tion and were monitored daily, Gerst said.

They were released late last week without "signs of infection," he said.

USFJ spokeswoman Maj. Denise Kerr said Tuesday that Misawa is the only U.S. military base that has taken the extra step of a follow-up health screening.

"They're taking prudent measures they feel would be beneficial to their community," she said during a phone interview. "That wasn't mandated by USFJ."

In an e-mail message early Tuesday, Kerr stressed that "preventative measures are a key focus area for" the U.S. military communities in Japan.

This includes "good hygiene activities and staying home if feeling ill," she said.

E-mail T.D. Flack at: flackt@pstripes.osd.mil

A rough road to travel

Troops safely guard main artery linking Khost and Gardez

By JAMES WARDEN
Stars and Stripes

GERDA SERAI, Afghanistan — The twin stacks of rocks look like nothing more than a pile of children's blocks. They're tucked away on a ledge in a tranquil valley not far from a picturesque waterfall.

In the prone position, you can see that a gap between the stacks looks out on an all-too-vulnerable bridge a few hundred meters away. Once vehicles come into view, the enemy hiding here could detonate a roadside bomb or perhaps call another hidden fighter to do the deed.

Insurgents have good reason for targeting the bridge. It's part of a narrow, axle-grinding path between Khost city and Gardez that is the only main route linking Khost province with the rest of Afghanistan.

The road's narrow, bumpy surface deters all but the most determined drivers. American leaders have made repaving the so-called KG Pass Road a national priority to bring Khost and other previously neglected areas back into the fold with the rest of Afghanistan.

The region has been the site of some of Afghanistan's most successful fights against foreign armies. The road was paved when Soviet forces entered the region. They occupied the area for a time, but mujahedeen flooded back in as soon as they left. The Afghans tore up miles of pavement afterward to ensure the Soviets couldn't bring their tanks back into the area.

The area's violent history continues. Most of the insurgent attacks have targeted local forces, but enemy fighters ambushed two American convoys without success in the middle of May as the traditional summer fighting season arrived. The 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment — the unit responsible for the area — also lost a soldier and had others wounded during a spring offensive launched in March to knock the insurgents off balance. Contractors have been targeted, too, but leaders are still trying to determine whether competing contractors could be to blame.

Responding to violence

The violence, particularly deadly roadside bomb attacks, has given local forces a seriousness of purpose uncommon across the country.

Afghan soldiers check the roads for bombs obsessively, frequently getting out of their vehicles to walk long stretches. Some units prohibit driving some sections of roads without American forces present.

Afghan noncommissioned officers sometimes come down hard on those they don't think carry their weight. During one patrol, American soldiers had to break up a fight that began when a sergeant started hitting a lower-ranking soldier who refused



"Don't come right out and ask if there are bad people. Once they're comfortable with you and you're comfortable with them, then it's the business side of the meeting."

Sgt. 1st Class Chad Cook
Troop B platoon sergeant, operating out of
Combat Outpost Deysie

to obey him in the middle of a long hike.

But U.S. forces are beginning the fighting season with two new bases that fundamentally change the conflict's dynamics. Combat Outpost Deysie, built in November by the 1-40's predecessor, sits on high ground overlooking a valley just a few miles from the actual pass that was once a key insurgent thoroughfare. The 1-40 built Patrol Base Devoe in April on a mountaintop in an area that was once the site of frequent rocket and mortar attacks.

Troop B at Deysie and Troop C at Combat Outpost Wilderness and Devoe have been busy gathering as much information as possible about how these new bases have altered insurgent patterns. Much of their time is spent patrolling areas that have seen little American or Afghan government influence, particularly around Troop B's newly established base.

The units are building influence with tribes to generate information. Tribes have varying degrees of cohesion that affect their relationship with U.S. forces and the Afghan government. In the KG Pass area, for example, the Mangal tribe is very united. Paktia's deputy governor comes from this tribe, and it has bought in to the projects going on in the area, said Maj. Herb Skinner, the 1-40 executive officer. The Zudran tribe, on the other hand, is not as unified.

"For us, it's better to have a stronger tribe because that's the base line building block of Afghan society," Skinner said.

The tribes vie for power within the province, but Skinner said this has been a peaceful competition.

Tensions surface

The people generally welcome the new road because of its economic benefits, but



PHOTOS BY JAMES WARDEN/Stars and Stripes

Above: Afghan surveyors measure a road running between Khost and Gardez, in Khar Kheyl, Afghanistan, on Wednesday. Planners hope the road will help boost government influence in an area that has long been cut off from the rest of the country. Top: Afghan soldiers and police chat with a homeowner during a patrol around Kandaw Kolay, Afghanistan. American forces have said good relations with local, tribal leaders are key to gathering information on insurgents.

the construction may temporarily cause disruptions. The project calls for carving away sheer cliffs behind the Gerda Serai bazaar in Khar Kheyl, pushing the market stalls back from the newly expanded road.

Villages unanimously deny having any forces that oppose the Afghan government or U.S. forces, but soldiers are frank about their skepticism of those claims in some areas. During patrols, they point to key leaders with known Taliban ties. Weapons caches within an easy walk of some key sites suggest that their doubts are justified.

The Gerda Serai bazaar is particularly notorious. The heavy traffic along the road makes it an ideal place for enemy fighters to do business. Insurgents often hide bomb-making materials in the steep hills behind the shops. Troop C found seven cache sites in the area, most of them empty but some with homemade explosives.

Village elders complain about even highly targeted raids that are based on clear intelligence tying a suspect to a particular attack — exactly the type of arrest counterinsurgency experts recommend. Last Thursday, for example, local residents appeared at COP Wilderness to complain about one such raid that a Ranger unit

made with Troop C's permission. An officer radioed the commander to ask about the talking points he should stick to when talking with the residents.

"Cause and effect. IED (improvised explosive device) on the road, they're going to get a raid," answered Capt. Neal Erickson, Troop C commander.

Not all villages are a problem. Troop B has had particularly good relations with those surrounding Deysie.

"Just treat their elders with respect," said Sgt. 1st Class Chad Cook, a Troop B platoon sergeant. "Don't come right out and ask if there are bad people. Once they're comfortable with you and you're comfortable with them, then it's the business side of the meeting."

Mostly, though, the people are just waiting to see if the Afghan and American forces are here to stay.

Capt. Gary McDonald, Troop B commander, said the ability and performance of the coalition forces will decide the issue. Proving that they're able to protect the villages will shift the onus on the insurgents to show the population what they have to offer, he said.

E-mail James Warden at:
wardenj@estripes.osd.mil

Clinton: U.S. sending \$110M to Pakistan

By PHILIP ELLIOTT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday the United States was sending \$110 million in emergency humanitarian aid to Pakistan, part of the administration's new strategy for countering the appeal of Taliban militants in the nuclear-armed American ally.

Clinton detailed the aid package at the

White House, saying the money is flowing to ease the plight of about 2 million Pakistanis who have fled fighting in the country's Swat Valley and are living in squalid tent cities.

The White House said Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani had appointed Brig. Gen. Nadeem Ahmad to lead the Pakistani relief effort.

He was highly praised for his work in the relief effort after the 2005 earthquake

in Kashmir.

Pakistan's army is engaged in major combat in Swat, in response to attempts by armed Islamic militants to solidify their hold on the region.

Pakistan reluctantly undertook the offensive under pressure from the United States after Taliban fighters had taken positions within 60 miles of the capital, Islamabad.

The military says more than 1,000 in-

surgeants have been killed in the fighting.

President Barack Obama has spoken of the need to improve the lives of people in both Pakistan and Afghanistan as part of the administration's new plan for linking the U.S. fight against the Taliban.

The White House said \$100 million in aid would flow from Clinton's State Department, with \$10 million is coming from the Pentagon.

'Don't ask' appeal deadline passes

Stars and Stripes

The Obama administration let pass an early May deadline to appeal to the Supreme Court a case that could significantly affect the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gay servicemembers, The Wall Street Journal reported on Tuesday.

A federal appeals court in San Francisco ruled last year that more sufficient explanation was needed as to why Air Force Maj. Margaret Witt was discharged after it was discovered she is a lesbian.

The Bush administration argued that homosexuals inherently pose a threat to unit morale and cohesion. The court decided that the government must prove why the specific presence of Witt would have such an effect.

President Barack Obama originally faced an early March deadline to appeal to the Supreme Court, but the administration was twice granted a one-month extension.

The deadline passed this month without another extension granted. The case will be returned to district court, and administration officials plan to defend the policy there.

White House spokesman Ben LaBolt said the president aims to repeal the policy "in a sensible way that strengthens our armed forces and our national security" but added: "until Congress passes legislation repealing the law, the administration will continue to defend the statute when it is challenged in the justice system."

Contractors' role in Afghan shootout probed

The Associated Press

KABUL — Four U.S. contractors for the company formerly known as Blackwater were not authorized to carry weapons when they were involved in a deadly shooting in Afghanistan this month, the U.S. military said Tuesday.

The men — accused of opening fire on a vehicle in the capital on May 5 — have charged that their employer, now called Xe, issued them guns in breach of the company's contract with the military. One Afghan was killed in the shooting, and two others wounded.

Xe has said its employees are not generally banned from carrying weapons in Afghanistan, though the authorization depends

on the duties of the contractors. Anne Tyrrell, a spokeswoman for the Moycock, N.C.-based company, declined to comment Tuesday on the terms of this specific contract or say if the company issued guns to the men.

But the military told The Associated Press that the contract did not allow the men to keep guns on them.

"By the terms of the contract, they were not authorized to carry weapons," said Lt. Col. Chris Kubik, a U.S. military spokesman. Kubik said the military had not given guns to the men, but said he did not know if the weapons were issued by Xe or were privately owned.

Blackwater was involved in a 2007 shooting in a busy square in Baghdad that left as many as 17 Iraqi civilians dead and led to the end of its Baghdad operations this month.

The industry has become more cautious since the shooting, but private contractors still provide a host of services in war zones.

In Afghanistan, contract employees — often former military or police — train troops along with providing security for diplomats and other international workers, technical expertise and logistical support. Though there have been no incidents in Afghanistan on par with the Iraq shooting, companies have been dogged

by allegations of corruption and heavy-handedness.

The men in question were contracted to provide military training and as such "were authorized to handle weapons in the course of their duties," but were not allowed to have weapons with them at other times, Kubik said.

Tyrrell has said the men were fired after the incident for not following the terms of their contract, without saying what regulation or policy they had violated.

Daniel Callahan, a California lawyer for the contractors, has said the four Americans are being scapegoated by Xe.

Back for a village visit near Kirkuk



GUSTAVO OLGUATI/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Second Lt. Huday Saddam, a medic with the 3rd Battalion, 15th Iraqi Army Brigade, examines a boy in the village of Shebeica, near Kirkuk, Iraq, on May 7. Officials say this was the first time Iraqi or coalition forces visited the community in nearly four years.

Officer pleads guilty to stealing supplies

By MATTHEW BARAKAT
The Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — An Army captain pleaded guilty Monday to stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of military equipment from an Army base in Iraq and selling it to a businessman there.

Elbert W. George III, 36, of Suffolk, Va., faces up to five years in prison after pleading guilty in U.S. District Court to a single count of conspiracy to steal government property.

He is the second person to plead guilty in the theft ring. Sgt. 1st Class Roy Greene Jr., 32, of Sylvester, Ga., pleaded guilty to an identical charge last week.

George and Greene were stationed at an army base in Balad, Iraq, that disposes of excess military equipment. The equipment is either reallocated within

the military, or donated to other government agencies, including local governments in the U.S., as well as the Iraqi military.

According to court records, George, Greene and one other soldier who has not yet been charged stole a bus, eight trucks, 19 generators, five trailers and other items and sold them to an Iraqi businessman who paid them in \$100 bills. The soldiers received anywhere from \$400,000 to \$1 million for the stolen items between December 2007 and June 2008.

George and Greene split the profits evenly between them, according to court records.

George and his lawyer, Ron Smith, declined comment after Monday's plea hearing. George is free on a personal recognizance bond while he awaits sentencing on July 17.

Senate confirms Mabus as Navy secretary

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Monday approved former Mississippi Gov. Raymond Mabus Jr. as the next secretary of the Navy.

Mabus replaces Donald Winter, who stepped down in March. Mabus was governor from 1988 to 1992 and served as former President Bill Clinton's ambassador to Saudi Arabia. He served in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps and later joined the Navy as a surface warfare officer.

The Senate also approved Robert Work to be undersecretary of the Navy.

From staff reports

"MOST WELCOME"

Japanese Traditional
MARUARA - WATANABE

Good Souvenirs & Cheerful KIMONO

Arazon Watanabe



Specializing in:

- GETA (wooden clogs)
- FUROSHIKI (wrapping cloth)
- SAMUE (kimono separates)
- NOREN (tapestry)
- CHIRIMEN (crape, Tokyo dyed clothes)



E-mail: info@maruara.com URL: www.maruara.com

16-8 Udagawa-cho, Shibuya-ku
Tel: (03) 3461-0064

IN THE STATES

Steele: GOP has turned page, will assert itself

WASHINGTON — Republican Party Chairman Michael Steele compared President Barack Obama's popularity to that of a celebrity and said Republicans can't be afraid of criticizing him head-on if they want to regain their relevance.

"He's young. He's cool. He's hip ... he's got all the qualities America likes in a celebrity, so of course he's going to be popular," Steele told state party chairmen Tuesday. But "this is not 'American Idol.' This is serious ... and we are going to take them on."

Steele said the GOP has owned up to the mistakes that caused its fall from power and is embarking on a new chapter.

The Republican National Committee chief's speech came after a rocky start to his two-year term.

Bill Clinton named by U.N. as its Haiti envoy

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The United Nations named former President Bill Clinton on Tuesday as its special envoy to Haiti, with a mission to help the impoverished nation achieve some measure of stability after devastating floods and other crises.

Clinton is popular in Haiti, but the U.N.'s peacekeepers have been widely criticized despite providing the nation with its only real security for years.

From The Associated Press

Obama talks up emissions, pollution plan

By KEN THOMAS AND PHILIP ELLIOTT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Tuesday outlined the nation's first comprehensive effort to curb vehicle emissions while cutting dependence on imported oil, calling the plan an historic turning point toward a "clean-energy economy."

Joined in the White House Rose Garden by leaders of the auto industry, government officials and key national and state political leaders, Obama said the agreement that once would have been "considered impossible" was what he termed a "harbinger of a change in the way business is done in Washington."

The two-pronged approach to problems that compound threats to the global environment marks the latest in a series of shifts by the Obama administration away from the policies of his conservative predecessor, former President George W. Bush.

"As a result of this agreement," Obama said, "we will save 1.8 billion barrels of oil over the lifetime of the vehicles sold in the next five years. And at a time of historic crisis in our auto industry, this rule provides the clear certainty that will allow these companies to plan for a future in which they are building the cars of the 21st century."

He said the new rules amounted to removing 177 million cars from the roads over the next 6½ years.



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

President Barack Obama acknowledges Ford Chief Executive Officer Alan Mulally on Tuesday at the White House in Washington during an event announcing new fuel and emission standards.

In that period, the savings in oil burned to fuel American cars, trucks and buses would amount to last year's combined U.S. imports from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Libya and Nigeria.

While the new fuel and emission standards for cars and trucks will save billions of barrels of oil, they are expected to cost consumers an extra \$1,300 per vehicle by the time the plan is complete in 2016. Obama said the fuel cost savings would offset the higher price of vehicles in three years.

While requiring that vehicle carbon dioxide emissions be reduced by about one-third by the target date, the plan requires the auto industry to be building vehicles that average 35.5 miles per gallon.

The plan also would effectively end a feud between automakers and statehouses over emission standards — with the states coming out on top, but the automakers getting the single national standard they've been seeking and more time to make the changes.

Senate passes credit card bill

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted on Tuesday to prohibit credit card companies from arbitrarily raising a person's interest rate and charging many of the exorbitant fees that have become customary — and crippling — to cash-strapped consumers.

The overwhelming bipartisan vote of 90-5 was lawmakers' way of telling Americans that they haven't been forgotten amid a recession that has left hundreds of thousands jobless or facing foreclosure.

With the House on track to endorse the measure by week's end, President Barack Obama could see a bill on his desk by the end of the week.

If the bill is enacted into law as expected, the credit card industry would have nine months to change the way it does business: Lenders would have to post their credit card agreements on the Internet and let customers pay their bills online or by phone for free. They'd also have to give consumers a chance to spare themselves from over-the-limit fees and provide 45 days notice and an explanation before interest rates are increased.

The Senate bill also would further restrict bank fees and who can get a card.

It's your turn to appreciate DAD!
Father's Day Brunch
June 21, Sunday

Serving from 10:00 - 15:00

Adults: \$24.95

Children: \$12.95 (4-12)



Customized
Wedding
at The New Sanno

Please call our Wedding Planner at
CML 03-3440-7871 ext. 7126 or DSN 229-7126
pinky@thenewsanno.com
amiko@thenewsanno.com



THE NEW SANNO
TOKYO

RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED

229-7151 or 03-3440-7871 EXT. 7151 or events@thenewsanno.com

www.thenewsanno.com

Tickets are Non-Refundable

Pentagon briefings no longer quote Bible

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said Monday it no longer includes a Bible quotation on the cover page of daily intelligence briefings sent to the White House as was the practice during the Bush administration.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said he did not know how long the Worldwide Intelligence Update cover sheets quoted from the Bible.

The Bible quotes apparently aimed to support former President George W. Bush at a time when soldiers' deaths in Iraq were on the rise, according to the June issue of GQ magazine. But they offended at least one Muslim analyst at the Pentagon and worried other employees that the passages were inappropriate.

Senate OKs Obama's pick for FDA chief

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Monday confirmed President Barack Obama's pick to oversee food and drug safety, two areas that are vital to consumers and widely seen as in critical need of improvement.

Dr. Margaret Hamburg, 53, a bioterrorism expert, will be sworn in as the 21st commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration and only the second woman to hold the post in 100 years of agency history. Her nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Her first priority will be to help direct development of a vaccine for the new swine flu. She says she also wants to revamp food safety.

Suspects named in Calif. boy's kidnapping

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — Arrest warrants have been issued for two men suspected of bursting into a family's home and kidnapping a 3-year-old who was later found wandering the streets in Mexico, sheriff's officials said Monday.

The suspects, both believed to be hiding in Mexico, are accused of taking Briant Rodriguez on May 3 after tying up his mother and four of his siblings. No motive has been released.

Authorities said they found evidence at the crime scene that links Israel Ledesma Moreno, 27, and Liberato Vega, 30, to the kidnapping.

Piracy suspect indicted in New York court

NEW YORK — The sole surviving suspect from an attack on an American cargo ship off the Somali coast has been indicted on piracy charges. Abdiwali Abdiqadir Muse has been jailed in Manhattan since his capture on April 12. U.S. prosecutors have portrayed him as the ringleader.

The FBI says Muse was the first pirate to board the boat as it was about 280 miles off the Somali coast. He and others held the captain hostage until Navy sharpshooters killed three others. The 18-year-old Muse wept when his lawyers failed to convince a federal judge he was only 15 and should be tried as a juvenile.

From The Associated Press



BILL HABER/AP

Family members embrace Monday after leaving Larose-Cut Off Middle School in Larose, La. A student shot himself in the head Monday at the middle school after he pointed a handgun at a teacher then fired over her head, sheriff's officials said.

La. boy fires at teacher, later shoots himself

Alleged student gunman reported in critical condition after surgery

BY MARY FOSTER
The Associated Press

LAROSE, La. — A middle-school student who fired a gunshot at a teacher in a classroom and then shot himself left a handwritten journal and an apparent suicide note that described his intention to kill other people, authorities said.

The eighth-grade student, who has not been identified by authorities, was in critical condition early Tuesday after undergoing surgery following Monday's shooting. No one else was injured.

Afterward, investigators found a profanity-laced note that said "U all will die." "The letter indicated his intention was to kill people," Lafourche Parish Sheriff Craig Webre said.

The student left during homeroom Monday morning, a fellow student said. He went to the bathroom and changed from the khaki uniform pants the school requires to a pair of camouflaged pants. He then stormed into the classroom across the hall from the restroom — gun in hand, said Coley Gaspard, 14, who was in the room.

Investigators believe the boy chose the room because of its

closeness to the restroom, not because he had any agenda concerning the teacher or students.

He tried to shoot the teacher, Webre said, but the gun did not fire.

Webre said the boy made an adjustment, then fired over the teacher's head. As he left the room he asked one of the students to go with him, but left alone when the youngster remained seated.

He apparently returned to the bathroom and shot himself within minutes, Webre said.

The young man got the gun, a .25-caliber, nickel-plated semiautomatic, from his father's house during the weekend, Webre said.

The Larose school, with about 500 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders, is in a rural community of about 7,000 people some 45 miles southwest of New Orleans.

He was a year or two older than most of his classmates who described him as a quiet boy who never talked about guns or violence.

The boy's mother said he seemed nervous before leaving for school, but when she asked him about it, he attributed it to getting the results of the "LEAP" tests that eighth-graders must pass to be promoted.

Supreme Court sets barrier for lawsuits against administration

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court served notice Monday that it would set a high bar for anyone seeking to hold top government officials liable for abuse suffered by prisoners held as part of the Bush administration's war on terror.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy spoke for a 5-4 majority in throwing out a lawsuit against former Attorney General John Ashcroft and FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III for allegedly ordering the roundup of hundreds of Muslim men in the wake of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"It should come as no surprise that a legitimate policy directing law enforcement to arrest and detain individuals because of their suspected link to the attacks would produce a disparate, incidental impact on Arab Muslims, even though the purpose of the policy was to target neither Arabs nor Muslims," Kennedy said. "The Sept. 11 attacks were perpetrated by 19 Arab Muslim hijackers who counted them-

selves members in good standing of al-Qaida, an Islamic fundamentalist group."

The ruling could serve as a procedural barrier for lawsuits against former officials who have been sued by prisoners being held as "enemy combatants."

The suit dismissed Monday alleged that Javaid Iqbal — who worked as a cable television installer on Long Island, N.Y. — was roughed up, strip-searched, shackled and locked in a maximum security facility for months simply because he was a Pakistani Muslim.

His case, the first involving the post-9/11 detention of more than 700 men in the United States to get to the Supreme Court, described Ashcroft as the "principal architect" of the policy. None of those arrested was charged as a terrorist, although many pleaded guilty to immigration offenses.

In Monday's decision, the Supreme Court shielded Ashcroft and Mueller from being sued because Iqbal could not show these top officials personally ordered him to be mistreated.

SEND A GIANT STUFFED ANIMAL UP TO 8-FEET TALL!

3 FEET TALL GRADUATION PANDA

BigPlush.com

SHOW YOUR LOVE!

1400 BIRTHDAY BALLOON BOUTIQUE 3 FEET LONG

Service@BigPlush.com Phone: 1-800-236-6464

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

MILITARY LINGUISTS

YOU CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE.

NATIONAL CLANDESTINE SERVICE CAREERS

Attention military linguists: The CIA's National Clandestine Service (NCS) is seeking highly qualified Language Officer applicants with foreign language and cultural expertise. NCS Language Officers engage in translation, interpretation and other language-specific functions in support of intelligence issues of critical importance to US national security.

Applicants must possess a high degree of personal integrity, a love of country, and strong interpersonal skills. All applicants must successfully undergo several personal interviews, medical and psychological exams, aptitude and language testing, a polygraph interview, and a background investigation. Following entry on duty, candidates will undergo job-specific training. US citizenship required. An equal opportunity employer and a drug-free work force.

For more information and to apply, visit: www.cia.gov

THE WORK OF A NATION. THE CENTER OF INTELLIGENCE.

Celebrate this week with YOKOSUKA MWR

Officers' Club 243-5030

Hawaiian Luau May 24 at 1700

Join us for this fun and exciting event. You'll enjoy the traditional Hawaiian favorites. Polynesian entertainers are flown directly from Hawaii. Don't miss it.

Prime Rib Buffet Saturdays from 1700 to 2100

Try our Chef's Prime Rib Buffet. A la carte and kid's menu are also available. Adults \$17.95 and Kids (6 to 11 years) \$8.95

Social Hour

Wednesdays and Fridays from 1630 to 1830

Unwind and socialize with your friends after a long day of hard work. Free finger food. Enjoy and dance the night away with the MWR house band on Wednesdays and a professional band on Fridays.

Karaoke and Ladies' Night Out

Thursdays from 1500 to 2300

Bring your friends and enjoy the night. Sing your heart out and be the star! All ladies get free non-alcoholic beverages from 1800 to 1900

Tuesday at the Movies

Tuesdays at 1900

Enjoy some of the best-run movies even before they are released on DVD. Free admission and complimentary popcorn provided.

CPO Club 243-5506

Closed for Renovations

May 16 through June 12

Please pardon the inconvenience while we upgrade our dining facility to better serve you. We would like to thank you for your continued patronage.



Club Alliance 243-3000

May Pizza of the Month: Taco Pizza Available Daily in May

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo all month long with a Mexican-inspired pie!
Small: \$4.95 / Med: \$10.95 / Large: \$15.95

Club Alliance's Anniversary Specials Saturdays in May on the 3rd floor

Guaranteed \$2,500 additional jackpots, special complimentary Birthday Bingo game plus drawings for prizes all month long! Enjoy complimentary food while you play. Doors open at 1100. Open to all hands 18 years and up.

Jazz Night

Saturday nights from 1700 to 2100 in Italian Gardens

Join us for Japan's best Jazz bands playing all the smooth jazzy grooves while you enjoy a delicious meal in Italian Gardens. Open to all hands!

Negishi All Hands' Club 242-4151

Pizza Pizza Pizza! Eat-in or Take-Out

Get your homemade 14" pizza hot and delicious straight out of the oven! Only at Negishi All Hands' Club. Choose from Pepperoni for only \$12.95 or Cheese for only \$11.95

Steak Night for Two

Tuesdays Nights 1700 to 2000

Dinner for two with all the trimmings. Only \$19.95

Mongolian BBQ Night

Thursdays from 1700 to 2000

Enjoy your dinner with the House band playing from 1700 to 2100.

Mexican Platter

Fridays Nights from 1700 to 2000

Served with Spanish soup, Taco salad, fajitas, burrito, enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, vegetable of day, and flour tortillas. Only \$10.95

Prime Rib Dinner

Saturdays Nights 1700 to 2000

8 oz of pure Beef Rib Eye served with salad, baked potato, vegetable of day, coffee or tea. Only \$12.95

Club Takemiya 246-8077

Saturday Night Jams

Saturdays from 2100 to 0200

Enjoy our DJ mixing your favorite music tonight!

Champagne Brunch

Sundays from 1030 to 1330

Club Takemiya Family Special

Every Tuesday of every month starting in May 2009

Come on in for dinner wearing your Club Takemiya shirt, and you will receive 15% off your bill (alcoholic beverages not available for discount). Shirts are available for \$15 each.

Movie Night

Wednesdays from 2000 to 2200

Join us as we play your favorite movies on our big screen TV!

Bingo!

Join us at Club Alliance Every Saturday

at 1200 for your chance to take home grand prizes of \$2,500, \$5,000 or \$10,000 and a guaranteed \$1,000 giveaway for the last game. #1138



Starbucks Coffee

Monday - Friday 0630-2100
Saturday & Sunday 0730-2100

**IMMEDIATE
JOB OPENINGS
In NAVY CHILDCARE**

Call 243-1246 or visit <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Yokosuka/MWR/index.htm>



IN THE WORLD

Swine flu cases rise across Japan

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan confirmed dozens more swine flu cases overnight bringing its tally to 173, health officials said Tuesday, as the government considered scaling down quarantine checks at airports while focusing on its domestic outbreak.

The outbreak in Japan has surged from just four cases over the weekend after infections were confirmed in the port city of Kobe and nearby Osaka, which is Japan's second-biggest urban area. The 38 added to the list overnight included high school students and small children.

The new wave of infections did not have a clear connection to foreign travel, as the initial one did,

and involved primarily teenagers. None of the patients were in serious condition.

Meanwhile, drug manufacturers won't be able to start developing a swine flu vaccine until mid-July at the earliest, weeks later than previous predictions, the World Health Organization said Tuesday. It will then take months to produce a new vaccine.

The disclosure that making a swine flu vaccine is proving more difficult than experts first thought came as U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and WHO chief Dr. Margaret Chan met Tuesday with representatives from about 30 pharmaceutical companies to discuss the subject.

After the meeting, Ban de-

clared that solidarity was the key to resolving the swine flu outbreak, urging governments to make sure all countries have access to drugs and vaccines. He also said virus samples and flu data must be shared and "self-defeating" measures like trade and travel bans should be avoided.

"We do not yet know how far and how fast it will spread, how serious the illness will be and, indeed, how many lives will be lost," Ban told WHO's annual assembly in Geneva. "Global solidarity must be at the heart of the world's response."

"[It] must mean that all have access to drugs and vaccines," he said.

Health officials from around the world are meeting here this

week to discuss the outbreak that has infected 9,830 people in over 40 countries, killing at least 79 of them.

According to vaccine experts convened by WHO, swine flu virus is not growing very fast in laboratories, making it difficult for scientists to get the key ingredient they need for a vaccine, the "seed stock" from the virus, the agency reported.

In Japan, the government said it would do its best to quell the spread of the disease, and keep schools shut at least through the end of the week. Companies discouraged unnecessary trips, and schools have canceled excursions. Visitors to government offices are requested to wear surgical masks and use disinfectant handgel.



ITSUO INOUE/AP

Japanese students wear masks as precaution against swine flu in Tokyo on Tuesday.

Biden begins 3-day tour of the Balkans

The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Vice President Joe Biden says the "door is open" for Balkan countries to become an integral part of a free Europe.

Biden said in a speech to Bosnia's parliament Tuesday that the U.S. would help the nations in the region gain membership. He urged Bosnian politicians to put aside their differences and work across party and ethnic lines to reach that goal.

For years, Bosnia's path toward EU membership has been blocked, primarily by quarrels among Serbs, Bosniaks and Cro-

ats over whether to enter as a unified country.

Biden is on a three-day tour of the Balkans. He landed in Sarajevo on Tuesday, making the first stop in a three-day tour of the region. He met with Bosnia's three-person presidency, will talk with the governing coalition and speak — separately — with Bosnia's staunchest rivals, Bosniak leader Haris Silajdzic and Milorad Dodik, head of the country's Serbs.

Bosniaks are eager for the U.S. to get involved more deeply in Bosnia. But Serbs want Washington to back off.

U.S., Russia hold arms control talks

MOSCOW — Russian and U.S. negotiators sat down for difficult nuclear arms control talks Tuesday amid hopes that warming relations could help the two countries reach an agreement seen as essential for global stability.

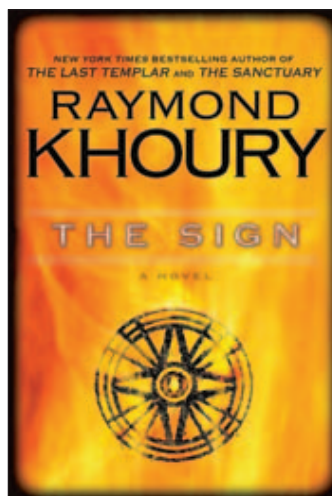
The negotiating teams led by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Rose Gottemoeller and the chief of Russian Foreign Ministry's security and arms control department, Anatoly Antonov, gathered at a foreign ministry mansion for two days of talks on a replacement for the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

START I expires on Dec. 5, threatening to end formal controls on the size of the world's biggest nuclear arsenals. The two countries possess more than 90 percent of the world's nuclear weapons.

Both Russian and U.S. diplomats are hopeful of reaching an agreement before the year's end, but analysts are doubtful of quick progress because of differences on what weapons to cut as well as the divisive legacy of George W. Bush's presidency.

From The Associated Press

WIN YOUR SIGNED COPY!



Stripes Book Club and Dutton, a member of Penguin Group (USA) Inc., are proud to offer you a chance to win a signed copy of NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR Raymond Khoury's *The Sign* - a cutting-edge thriller set at the intersection of science, religion, and history.

In Antarctica, a scientific expedition drops anchor for a live news feed. As the journalist begins her report, a massive, shimmering sphere of light suddenly appears in the sky, enveloping the ship in luminous white light before disappearing as mysteriously as it arrived—the entire event witnessed by an incredulous world audience.

Meanwhile in a dusty bar in Egypt, a dozen men are lazily discussing the state of the world when the brilliant, glowing symbol on the television stops them cold. One man breaks out in a sweat, crosses himself repeatedly, and rushes out of the bar muttering the same phrase over and over again: It can't be.

Across the Internet and around the globe, a stunning controversy threatens to consume the world: Has God finally decided to reveal himself? Or is something more sinister at hand?

Stars and Stripes is giving away 10 signed copies of "THE SIGN" to our lucky readers.

Just email marketing@pstripes.osd.mil to enter and win.

Please include the words "THE SIGN" in the subject line and be sure to include your name and full mailing address.



Stripes Book Club



Penguin Group (USA)

Must be at least 18 years old and a U.S. Government ID cardholder to enter and win. No purchase necessary. All entries must be received by midnight on May 31, 2009. See official rules on Stripes.com.

YES

Click today...cash tomorrow®
www.militaryloans.com



"We love to say yes"®

www.marriagebyproxy.com

Get Legally Married While Deployed

- USA Marriage Certificate
- Recognized By Military
- No Travel Required
- Completed In 3 Weeks
- Personalized Service
- Do The Right Thing

Contact Sam or Barbara

Call: 001-610-644-2630

Toll Free: 877-482-2406

shmulick@yahoo.com

FACES

Holly to do burlesque

Reality star Holly Madison is done dancing with the stars, but she's keeping her shoes fresh for a burlesque show on the Las Vegas Strip.

Hugh Hefner's ex-girlfriend has signed a contract to replace actress Kelly Monaco in "Peepshow," a topless revue at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino.

Officials say Madison will replace the "General Hospital" actress and former "Dancing With the Stars" champ starting June 22.

Cynthia Nixon is engaged

Cynthia Nixon is engaged to her partner, Christine Marinoni.

Charlotte Burke, a representative for the "Sex and the City" actress, confirmed the engagement.



Nixon

Nixon showed off an engagement ring at an Action=Marriage Equality rally in midtown Manhattan on Sunday. She has two children from her relationship with photographer Danny Mozes.

Allen, American Apparel settle suit

Woody Allen's spokeswoman says American Apparel has agreed to settle his lawsuit for \$5 million.

The actor-director sued American Apparel Inc. last year for \$10 million. He claimed the company did not have permission to use a doctored frame of him from the Oscar-winning film "Annie Hall" on billboards and on a Web site.



PRNewsFoto/BASE Entertainment

Holly Madison of "Girls Next Door" fame will be dancing in Las Vegas in the burlesque show "Peepshow."

T.I. starting prison term

T.I. will begin serving a prison sentence on federal weapons charges by May 26.

The 28-year-old rapper, whose real name is Clifford J. Harris Jr., will be serving his sentence of one year and a day at the Forrest City low-security federal prison in Arkansas. Paperwork filed in his federal court case shows he has until noon on May 26 to report for his sentence.

Harris pleaded guilty to the charges after he tried to buy a stash of machine guns and silencers in Atlanta to protect himself after his best

friend was killed. He will also pay a \$100,000 fine as part of his sentence.

Clark, Mandrell join Hall of Fame

Barbara Mandrell, Roy Clark and Charlie McCoy were inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame on Sunday in an emotional ceremony that saluted them for their music as well as their contributions to bringing the genre to a mass audience through television.

"All three of tonight's inductees looked at the way country music was presented on television and said: 'We can make this even better. We can present country music to a mainstream audience with respect, love and humor,'" said Tammy Genovese, the Country Music Association's chief executive officer.



T.I.

Hudgens tries to break from Disney

Vanessa Hudgens has left "High School Musical" to make a movie about music — at a high school. The key difference: "Bandslam," due in theaters in August, is being released by the new studio behind "Twilight," well outside the tween hit-making machine that made her a star. Now 20, the actress-singer says she's ready for roles that mark a departure from her shy and geeky Gabriella Montez character — and from Disney.

"It definitely is a love-hate thing, you know," Hudgens said in a recent interview. "Disney is incredible. And 'High School Musical' did wonders and I could

not be more thankful. But at the same time, people see me as my character, Gabriella. And I'm just excited to kind of branch out of that and have people see me in a new light."

"You can put yourself in a hole in the ground if you continue to do the same thing. And that's kind of why I want to branch out," Hudgens said. "But yeah, of course it's always something that's somewhat frightening."

Her biggest leap: Playing a lead in Zack Snyder's next film. The director of "300" and "Watchmen" wrote and is directing "Sucker Punch," about girls trying, at least inside their heads, to break out of a mental institution.

"People I think are going to be genuinely shocked," Hudgens said. "It's about these girls in a mental institution that in their heads gets turned around to be a brothel. And in the meanwhile they are kicking serious ass."

"They're killing people with machine guns. It's crazy."

— The Associated Press



AP

Actress Vanessa Hudgens is ready for roles that aren't so kid-friendly.

Quick hits from The Associated Press

AUSTRIA LIFE BALL



Actress Eva Longoria, left, representative of The Foundation for AIDS Research, and singer Katy Perry, below, took the stage at the opening of the 17th annual Life Ball in front of Vienna's city hall on Saturday. The event is a charity gala to raise money for people living with HIV and AIDS. Other celebs in attendance included Bill Clinton and Amber Valletta.



AP

BEAR AMBASSADOR



AP

Actress Maggie Q, ambassador for Moon Bear Rescue Vietnam, holds a camera in front of a new enclosure for Moon bears at Vietnam Bear Rescue Centre in Vinh Phuc Province, Vietnam, on May 14. Q attended the opening ceremony of the semi-natural enclosure.

& ! % PREMIERE



AP

Christian Bale, star of "Terminator Salvation," stops on the red carpet before a model of the Terminator robot character at Thursday's Los Angeles premiere. The movie arrives in some base theaters on Friday.

WIRED WORLD

Plugging in to a real social network

By ALANA SEMUELS
Los Angeles Times

O SOUTH JORDAN, Utah
n a rainy Saturday, Cameron Dolansky put on a metal-studded leather vest and a red tunic and headed to Neumont University's most raging weekend party.

It wasn't your usual college kegger. A dozen students sat in a classroom frantically trying to kill the zombies racing across their computer screens. A few more jammed to "Rock Band," their musician avatars displayed on two projector screens. Cans of Mountain Dew and fast-food wrappers littered the darkened room.

"Back in high school, I was the lone geek," said Dolansky, who earned a rep on campus after he and his roommate played "Rock Band" for 72 hours straight. "Now I'm surrounded by geeks."

Spread over two floors in a suburban office park south of Salt Lake City, Neumont University is devoted to pumping out a steady stream of experts in computer science — the only major that students can

choose.

The 6-year-old school places its graduates in high-tech jobs at companies such as eBay Inc., Microsoft Corp. and IBM Corp. If trends hold up, more than 90 percent of the 59 students graduating with bachelor's degrees Friday will find work within three months.

But surrounding introverted computer programmers with other introverted computer programmers creates unique challenges for school administrators.

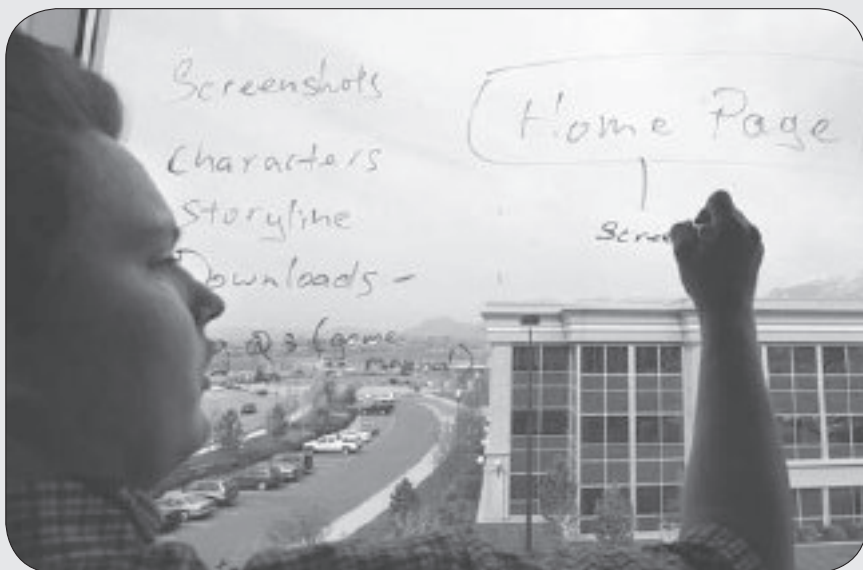
Employers praise the skills of Neumont's graduates but complain about their computer addictions and difficulty socializing with colleagues. So in addition to the intricacies of computer science, Neumont is trying to teach its students how to get along better in the real world.

Administrators forced them to close their laptops in class, established social clubs and required them to take courses in interpersonal communications and public speaking.

The efforts have met resistance. After all, students ask, what's the purpose of attending a place known affectionately as "Geek Heaven" if you're not free to geek out whenever you choose?

One impediment to

To get students to open up more, Neumont University now requires courses in interpersonal communications.



PHOTOS BY WALLY SKALI/LATWP

Joel Maxwell works out a computer problem on a window during a workshop at Neumont University in South Jordan, Utah, where graduates have won praise for high-tech expertise.

"The truth is there are people in this school who just don't smell pleasant at all."

A Web forum post by a female student at Neumont University

organizing student parties at Neumont is the lack of dormitories; students live off-campus. Another is a major shortage of women, whose ranks the school is trying to increase.

Cameron Murray, 20, from Cleveland, estimates that the gender ratio is one woman in a billion (it's actually 1 in 20).

Eager to flirt, he and eight other students moseyed down to a mall recently and split into teams to see who could get the most phone numbers from women. They wandered from food court to department store and back again, spending an afternoon in search of potential dates.

The sum total of their efforts: a single number.

"We know that forming relationships outside of the classroom is an important part of the college experi-

ence," Neumont President Edward Levine said.

Some of Neumont's female students, who make up about 5 percent of the 266 enrolled this year, are on a mission to get their peers to tune into the world around them. In October, one posted a message on Neumont's Web forums protesting what she called "offensive odors."

"The truth is there are people in this school who just don't smell pleasant at all," she wrote.

The post generated more than a dozen replies, with students suggesting the creation of a personal-hygiene company, a crackdown on halitosis, and a three-shower-a-day regimen.

"People (who probably just get busy and distracted by their passion for coding) need to remember to take

care of themselves as well as they care for their machines," Stacy Hughes, the school's communication manager, wrote on the forum.

It shouldn't be a surprise that Neumont students spend so much time in front of their computers. The school's mission is to teach students how to be valuable computer programmers in just 2 1/2 years.

When the students graduate, though, they will need to know how to socialize with people who aren't like them, which is why students are required to take three classes about communicating with others.

"There are skills we need beyond grunting over our laptops," said student Joshua Boston, 18, a Florida native who was wearing computer wires as bracelets and welding goggles.

Learn more from STARS AND STRIPES.

shifting gears

EVERY FRIDAY

Wheel through the weekly vehicle review and get yourself up to speed on all topics automotive. Reading—it's the next best thing to driving.



YOUR MONEY

Economy's silver lining for college grads

BY DAN SERRA
McClatchy Newspapers

As millions of college students are graduating and entering the real world, while they may not be facing the best of times these times are better in some ways.

Yes, the unemployment rate keeps going up. But that only causes students to focus harder on job skills to make them more marketable. For those that have a job, it's a wake-up call to manage money wisely.

Start by paying off debt, mainly student loans and credit cards, so that the new focus can be on savings instead of the accumulation of debt that often occurs in college. If student loan rates are based on old interest rates from a few years ago, it's a great time to consolidate and get a lower rate.

If the new job is stable, the next step is having the benefit of buying a house in a great market for buyers. Add on the current tax break of \$8,000 for first-time home buyers and it becomes even a better deal. We may never see mortgage rates below 5 percent again. Obviously, the difficulty here is buying a home when the job market is not stable or moving up the ladder requires relocation. However, college grads may have more job security as companies dish out early retirement packages to older, more expensive, workers.



SARAH PHIPPS, THE OKLAHOMAN/AP

Robert Hudkins of Broken Arrow, Okla., center, cheers during the 2009 University of Oklahoma commencement last week. Although today's economy is less than desirable, there are some benefits for this year's college grads.

Those first two steps already are saving thousands of dollars that were not available to other graduating classes in past years. It's enough to give grads a head start toward financial success.

The next benefit of this economy for grads is investing in stocks at lower prices. Grads will benefit most from a lower market

because they have the most time to recover. The stock market in 40 years will be a lot different than today.

If not investing through an employer plan, then start with a Roth IRA. That not only builds for retirement but is not taxed at retirement, unlike other retirement accounts. A \$4,000 in-

vestment now could be worth \$100,000 in 40 years. Would you want to pay the tax on \$4,000 or \$100,000?

If it means living frugally today just to save, the sacrifice would be worth it. Make and stick to a budget that leaves you at least \$4,000 a year left over to invest. That means cutting back on eat-

ing out, movies, music and cars. If that hurts now, think about how much more can be spent on those when there's more money in the future.

Starting out in bad years often instills a more cautious feeling with money and can avoid foolish mistakes knowing that money really can disappear quickly.

MONDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-week		Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk
High	Low						
13,136.69	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,504.08	+235.44	+2.85	-3.10	-34.73
5,536.57	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,146.00	+92.99	+3.05	-11.06	-41.69
530.57	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	330.24	+4.4	+1.3	-10.93	-36.72
9,687.24	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	5,865.87	+202.98	+3.58	+1.89	-38.91
2,433.31	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,510.50	+37.21	+2.53	+8.08	-36.40
2,551.47	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,732.36	+52.22	+3.11	+9.85	-31.15
1,440.24	666.79	S&P 500	909.71	+26.83	+3.04	+7.2	-36.23
897.37	397.97	S&P MidCap	566.64	+20.93	+3.84	+5.27	-35.68
14,564.81	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,294.87	+290.70	+3.23	+2.29	-35.56
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	494.79	+18.95	+3.98	-9.3	-33.00

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	5225030	11.73	+1.06
Citigrp	2978856	3.64	+1.16
DirFinBear	2477487	4.82	-1.08
SPDR	2173243	91.23	+2.52
DirFinBull	2094111	10.31	+1.57
SPDR Fnd	1341378	12.29	+7.76
FordM	1194028	5.50	+0.01
WellsFargo	1007690	26.93	+2.06
ProUFin	836382	4.20	+0.45
AmInlcp	824194	1.83	+1.11

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PSCrudeD	183227	3.54	+2.28
Hemisphx	183227	1.93	+0.63
BrcIndiaTR	25108	49.03	+9.56
Edoridg	18155	8.32	+0.01
Kodakid	14733	1.18	+1.14
BarcGSol	13604	21.47	+9.7
NovoGld	13326	3.62	-0.02
GoldStr	11750	1.79	-0.3
AbdAsPac	11570	5.36	+0.2
FRKSPPrp	10531	12.90	+9.95

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	1001523	34.24	+8.7
Cisco	615147	18.72	+8.0
DryShips	529564	7.04	+2.0
Microsoft	441186	20.60	+3.8
Intel	432354	15.52	+4.4
FifthThird	357006	7.99	+3.8
HuntBnk	253458	4.99	+3.6
CellTher rsh	252336	1.26	+0.07
Nvidia	231246	9.27	+5.3
Oracle	223887	18.92	+5.0

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Japanese yen (May 20)	93.00
South Korean won (May 20)	1,217.00
Euro costs (May 20)	\$1.3992
Dollar buys (May 20)	€ 0.7147
British pound (May 20)	\$1.58

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	3.770
British pound	\$1.5453
Canada (Dollar)	1.1594
China (Yuan)	6.8261
Denmark (Krone)	5.4885
Egypt (Pound)	5.6184
Euro	\$1.3575/7366
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7516
Hungary (Forint)	205.89
Israel (Shekel)	4.1240
Japan (Yen)	96.10
Kuwait (Dinar)	2.900
Norway (Krone)	6.4694
Philippines (Peso)	47.18
Poland (Zloty)	3.24
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7502
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4630
South Korea (Won)	1244.80
Switzerland (Franc)	1.1146
Thailand (Baht)	34.40
Turkey (New Lira)	1.5419

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold	\$921.30
Silver	\$13.810

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.18
30-year bond	4.20
Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press	

Report: Reliance on oil weakens U.S.

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An advisory group of retired generals and admirals said in a report issued Monday that reducing America's reliance on oil and addressing climate change are critical for future national security.

The report, presented to members of Congress and the Pentagon, said that energy security and efforts to reduce the risks of climate change should be included in the nation's national security and military planning.

The retired, high-ranking military officers concluded that over-reliance on oil — not just foreign oil — leaves the country vulnerable to unstable and hostile markets. They said future oil markets will be marked by limited supplies and increasing demand, posing a national security risk.

"U.S. dependence on oil weakens international leverage, undermines foreign policy objectives and entangles America with unstable or hostile regimes," said the report, written by the Military Advisory Board of CNA, a nonprofit research organization.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Senate Foreign

Relations Committee, said in a statement that he strongly agrees "with the stark conclusions" made by the advisory group, including that the competition for oil in the coming years is likely to precipitate conflicts.

"Energy security is national security," said Lugar.

The report identified a number of risks created by America's current energy policies and practices.

The concerns extend beyond America's dependence on foreign oil, the report says, because no matter what the source, America's dependence on oil "undermines economic stability, which is critical to national security."

Also, the report called for modernizing the nation's electric power system. The country's "fragile domestic electricity grid makes our domestic military installations and their critical infrastructure unnecessarily vulnerable to incident, whether deliberate or accidental," said the report.

Retired Air Force Gen. Charles F. Wald, the advisory board's chairman, said in a statement, "We cannot turn a blind eye to the dangerous realities of our energy situation."

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg
Alliant Technosystem	...	19	83.95	+3.1	+3.7	+2.1
Boeing	1.68	16	44.37	+1.37	+3.1	+4.0
Computer Sciences	...	6	37.21	+9.2	+25.0	+5.9
General Dynamics	1.52	9	35.46	+4.5	+12.7	+3.7
General Electric	...	40	13.47	+6.1	+45.4	+16.9
Halliburton	...	36	15.22	+9.4	+61.8	+21.6
Harris Corp.	...	80	13.02	+5.9	+45.3	+15.9
Allied Signal	1.21	10	33.80	+1.36	+4.0	+5.5
L-3 Communications	1.40	10	74.11	+5.8	+7.8	+4.4
Lockheed Martin	2.28	10	80.55	+6.2	+7.7	+4.2
Northrop	1.60	...	40.70	+3.9	+9.6	+5.9
Raytheon	1.24	11	45.13	+9.4	+20.8	+11.6
Rockwell Int'l	1.16	11	32.83	+1.63	+4.9	+1.8
Texas Instruments	...	44	19.70	+2.7	+13.7	+15.3
Textron Inc.	...	08	9.11	+5.9	+65.0	+17.2
United Technologies	1.54	12	52.98	+1.70	+3.2	+1.7

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	Chg	%Ret.
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	53.60	+1.62	+9.5
Fidelity Spartan: EqlDnV	32.26	+9.5	+1.8
Fidelity Invest: US81	10.82	-0.02	+1.9
Fidelity Invest: Grolnc	13.19	+4.5	+4.4
Fidelity Invest: Oversea	25.82	+8.9	+3.0
Fidelity Invest: AMGr50	11.76	+2.2	+9.1
Amer Century Inv: Ultra	15.34	+4.0	+6.2
Putnam Funds A: GRNA p	9.72	+3.2	+4.1
AIM Investments A: CharTA p	12.42	+3.1	+7.0
AIM Investments A: Const p	16.75	+3.1	+5.7
Frank/Temp Frnk A: SMCpGrA	22.46	+6.4	+10.7
DWS Invest S: GrolncS	11.48	+3.2	+5.2
Fidelity Advisor T: EqlnT	17.11	+6.3	+14.4
Fidelity Advisor T: GrOppT	21.71	+7.4	+14.0
DWS Invest S: Intl Fds	35.96	+1.27	+3.8
Putnam Funds A: GldEqty p	6.56	+1.7	+3.0
Lord Abbett A: DevGIA p	11.98	+4.5	+12.9
Fidelity Advisor T: OverseaT	13.59	+4.9	+12.2
DWS Invest S: CorPstnc	9.74	+0.1	+2.0

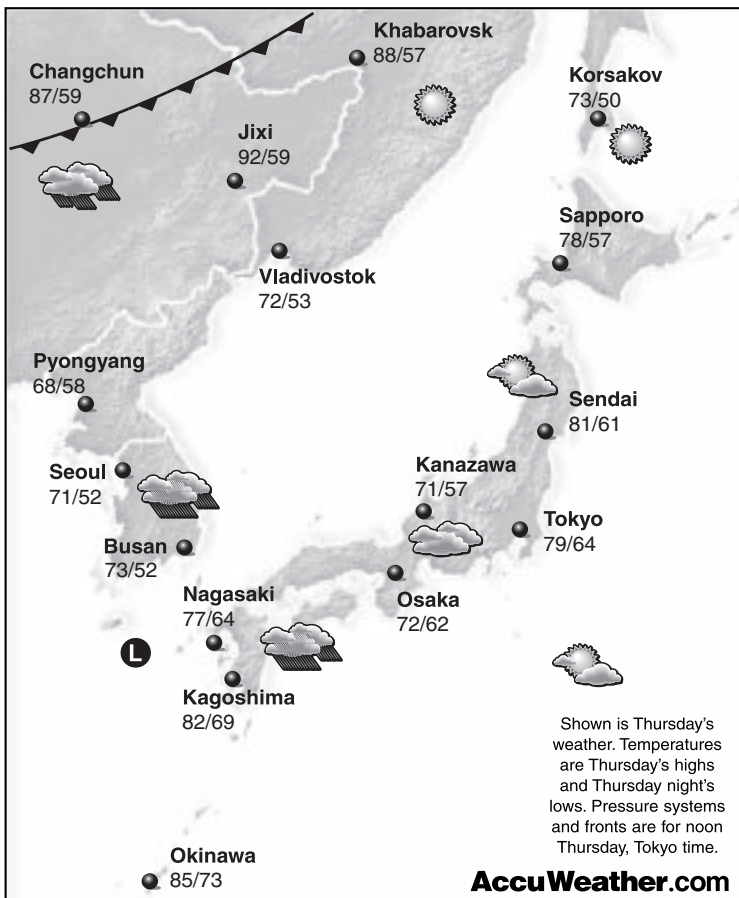
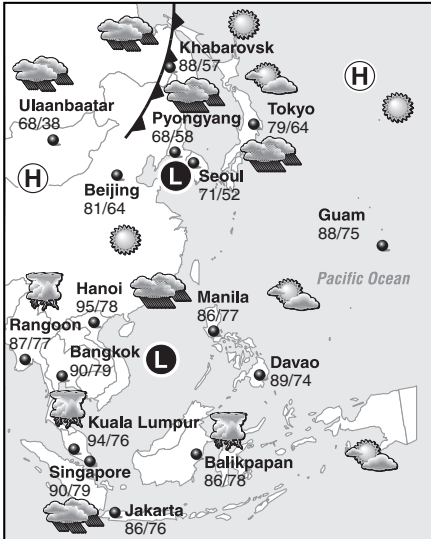
TIDE TABLES

Location	Thursday			
	High	Low	High	Low
Japan				
Yokosuka	1:53 a.m.	8:36 a.m.	3:02 p.m.	8:41 p.m.
Sasebo	5:37 a.m.	12:03 p.m.	6:24 p.m.	none
Naha	4:21 a.m.	10:52 a.m.	5:09 p.m.	10:57 p.m.
Hachinohe	1:33 p.m.	6:57 a.m.	none	6:40 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	8:15 a.m.	2:38 a.m.	8:53 p.m.	3:02 p.m.
Kunsan	12:46 a.m.	7:35 a.m.	12:57 p.m.	7:56 p.m.
Guam				
Apra Harbor	4:23 a.m.	11:20 a.m.	5:51 p.m.	11:09 p.m.
Location	Friday			
	High	Low	High	Low
Japan				
Yokosuka	2:28 a.m.	9:14 a.m.	3:55 p.m.	9:29 p.m.
Sasebo	6:16 a.m.	12:22 a.m.	7:13 p.m.	12:44 p.m.
Naha	4:58 a.m.	11:34 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	11:42 p.m.
Hachinohe	12:30 a.m.	7:38 a.m.	2:32 p.m.	7:28 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	9:05 a.m.	3:40 a.m.	9:39 p.m.	3:51 p.m.
Kunsan	1:38 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	1:45 p.m.	8:41 p.m.
Guam				
Apra Harbor	4:57 a.m.	12:01 p.m.	6:51 p.m.	none

For tides at other sites apply minutes to Naha tides:

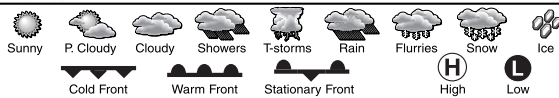
Sukku, Ora Wan: -39, Sesoko Bay: +11 high and low tide;

Uten Ko: -7 high, -8 low, Yonabaru, Buckner Bay: -44 high, -42 low.



Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows. Pressure systems and fronts are for noon Thursday, Tokyo time.

AccuWeather.com



CANADA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	59	35	PCldy
Edmonton	60	34	Shwr
Halifax	67	47	PCldy
Iqaluit	32	23	Cldy
Montreal	82	57	Sun
Ottawa	86	57	Sun
Quebec	77	55	PCldy
Regina	61	41	PCldy
Toronto	81	57	Sun
Vancouver	65	49	PCldy
Whitehorse	62	36	Sun
Windsor	80	54	Sun
Winnipeg	55	36	PCldy
Yellowknife	50	28	Sun

EUROPE

City	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	64	50	PCldy
Athens	79	63	Sun
Belgrade	90	64	Sun
Berlin	73	54	Tstm
Brussels	66	46	PCldy
Dublin	55	46	Rain
Glasgow	58	48	Rain
Lisbon	77	55	PCldy
London	64	48	Shwr
Madrid	90	55	Sun
Moscow	66	48	Rain
Paris	70	52	Shwr
Rome	82	64	Sun
Warsaw	80	61	PCldy

MIDDLE EAST

City	Hi	Lo	W
Ashgabat	81	60	Sun
Baghdad	111	75	Sun
Cairo	89	69	Sun
Dhahran	107	84	Sun
Islamabad	114	78	PCldy
Jerusalem	78	60	Sun
Kabul	86	50	Sun
Kandahar	103	64	Sun
Karachi	95	85	Sun
Kuwait	113	88	Sun
Mazhar-e-Sharif	96	62	Sun
Tehran	83	71	Sun
Tel Aviv	78	63	Sun
Zahedan	85	60	Sun

AFRICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abidjan	88	74	Sun
Algiers	96	68	Sun
Cape Town	70	54	Sun
Casablanca	81	61	PCldy
Durban	80	59	Sun
Freetown	90	74	Tstm
Kano	104	73	Sun
Khartoum	112	80	Sun
Kisangani	83	65	Cldy
Luanda	86	75	Sun
Malakal	95	70	PCldy
Mogadishu	83	76	Rain
Tabora	83	60	Sun
Timbuktu	115	78	PCldy

LATIN AMERICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	92	76	PCldy
Bogota	66	44	Shwr
Buenos Aires	73	66	Cldy
Cancun	88	68	PCldy
Havana	86	64	Sun
Kingston	86	79	Rain
Lima	76	61	PCldy
Mexico City	75	53	Tstm
Nassau	84	74	Tstm
Puerto Plata	86	74	Shwr
Rio de Janeiro	79	67	Sun
Santiago	70	45	PCldy
Santo Domingo	84	72	Rain
San Jose	75	69	Rain

ASIA / PACIFIC

City	Hi	Lo	W
Auckland	54	46	Cldy
Colombo	85	77	Rain
Darwin	88	67	Sun
Dhaka	95	84	Tstm
Hong Kong	86	79	Rain
Kathmandu	88	70	Tstm
Melbourne	68	56	Cldy
Mumbai	87	61	PCldy
New Delhi	111	88	PCldy
Phnom Penh	91	77	Tstm
Shanghai	81	67	Shwr
Sydney	66	57	Shwr
Taipei	89	75	PCldy
Xining	72	44	Cldy

SUN & MOON

	Thursday	Friday
Sunrise (Seoul)	5:19 a.m.	5:18 a.m.
Sunset	7:40 p.m.	7:41 p.m.
Sunrise (Tokyo)	4:32 a.m.	4:32 a.m.
Sunset	6:44 p.m.	6:45 p.m.

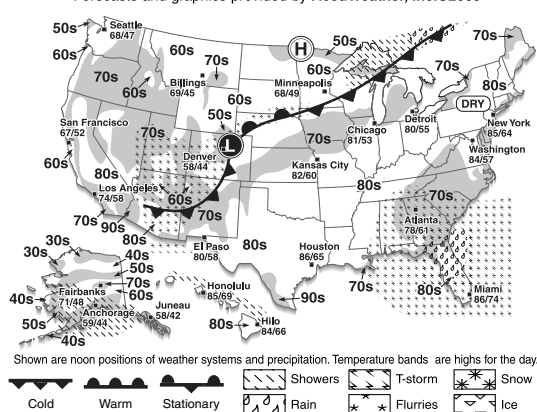
New May 24 First May 31 Full June 8 Last June 16

THURSDAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W
Abilene, TX	81	61	Sun	Colorado Sprgs.	60	44	Tstm	Hartford	90	54	Sun	New Orleans	81	69	Tstm
Akron, OH	82	54	Sun	Columbia, SC	82	60	Tstm	Helena	70	42	Sun	New York City	85	64	Sun
Albany, NY	87	58	Sun	Columbus, GA	79	63	Tstm	Honolulu	85	69	Sun	Newark	85	59	Sun
Albuquerque	79	55	Cldy	Columbus, OH	84	57	Sun	Houston	86	65	PCldy	Norfolk	78	60	Sun
Allentown, PA	86	56	Sun	Concord, NH	89	53	Sun	Huntsville	82	58	PCldy	North Platte	66	49	Tstm
Amarillo	80	54	Sun	Corpus Christi	87	68	PCldy	Indianapolis	83	61	Sun	Oklahoma City	83	61	Sun
Anchorage	59	44	Sun	Dallas	84	64	PCldy	Jackson, MS	82	62	Cldy	Omaha	71	56	Tstm
Asheville	77	49	PCldy	Dayton	82	59	Sun	Jacksonville	78	68	Rain	Olando	84	69	Tstm
Atlanta	78	61	PCldy	Daytona Beach	82	69	Rain	Juneau	58	42	Cldy	Paducah	82	60	Sun
Atlantic City	80	56	Sun	Denver	58	44	Tstm	Kansas City	82	60	PCldy	Pendleton	76	46	Sun
Austin	86	62	PCldy	Des Moines	72	55	Tstm	Key West	85	75	Tstm	Peoria	82	56	Sun
Baltimore	82	54	Sun	Detroit	80	55	Sun	Knoxville	82	56	PCldy	Philadelphia	83	58	Sun
Baton Rouge	83	64	Tstm	Duluth	62	34	Tstm	Lake Charles	83	67	PCldy	Phoenix	91	73	Tstm
Bellings	69	45	Sun	El Paso	80	58	Cldy	Lansing	78	49	PCldy	Pittsburgh	84	54	Sun
Birmingham	81	63	Cldy	Elkins	81	45	Sun	Las Vegas	85	67	PCldy	Pocatello	79	40	Sun
Bismarck	67	41	PCldy	Erie	81	55	Sun	Lexington	81	57	Sun	Portland, ME	80	54	Sun
Boise	79	52	Sun	Eugene	72	40	Sun	Lincoln	82	57	PCldy	Portland, OR	73	50	Sun
Boston	86	62	Sun	Evansville	82	59	Sun	Little Rock	83	62	Sun	Providence	81	56	Sun
Bridgeport	79	57	Sun	Fairbanks	71	48	PCldy	Los Angeles	74	58	PCldy	Pueblo	70	50	Tstm
Brownsville	89	70	PCldy	Fargo	64	40	PCldy	Louisville	84	60	Sun	Raleigh	80	57	Sun
Buffalo	79	55	Sun	Flagstaff	63	38	Tstm	Lubbock	81	57	Sun	Rapid City	68	45	Sun
Burlington	87	56	Sun	Flint	79	51	PCldy	Macon	82	62	Tstm	Reno	84	55	Sun
Caribou, ME	74	50	PCldy	Fort Smith	83	62	Sun	Madison	71	44	Tstm	Richmond	85	56	Sun
Casper	69	42	Cldy	Fort Wayne	82	55	Sun	Medford	83	49	Sun	Rio Rancho	82	51	Sun
Charleston, SC	77	65	PCldy	Fresno	92	60	Sun	Memphis	84	66	PCldy	Rochester	82	54	Sun
Charleston, WV	84	53	Sun	Goodland	68	49	PCldy	Miami	86	74	Tstm	Rockford	75	49	PCldy
Charlotte, NC	80	57	PCldy	Grand Junction	76	52	Tstm	Midland	85	58	PCldy	Sacramento	83	54	Sun
Chattanooga	83	55	PCldy	Grand Rapids	76	51	Tstm	Milwaukee	76	51	Tstm	St. Louis	85	65	Sun
Cheyenne	56	44	Tstm	Green Bay	69	42	Tstm	Minneapolis	68	49	Tstm	St. Thomas	85	78	Cldy
Chicago	81	53	PCldy	Harrisburg	79	58	Sun	Mobile	82	66	Tstm	Salem, OR	72	44	Sun
Cincinnati	84	55	Sun	Harrisburg	79	58	Sun	Montgomery	80	61	Tstm	Salt Lake City	78	55	PCldy
Cleveland	81	54	Sun	Harrisburg	79	58	Sun	Nashville	84	58	PCldy	San Angelo	83	59	Sun

THE UNITED STATES THURSDAY

Forecasts and graphics provided by AccuWeather, Inc.©2009



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Cold Warm Stationary Rain Showers T-storm Flurries Snow Ice

For complete and up-to-the-minute worldwide weather information, go to www.stripes.com and check out the AccuWeather forecast.



Sell it.....Free!

Advertise your car, truck, motorcycle, boat, or bicycle in Stripes free!
No charge! On us!
Up to 7 lines of copy for 21 days - free!
Call Classified today at 229-3276
or e-mail us at classifieds@pstripes.osd.mil.
individuals only - no dealers!

Your Hometown Newspaper
STARS AND STRIPES
www.stripes.com

STARS AND STRIPES

MAX D. LEDERER JR., PUBLISHER

JOHN D. PANASIEWICZ, GENERAL MANAGER

NEWS AND EDITORIAL

TERRY LEONARD, Editorial Director
ROBB GRINDSTAFF, Managing Editor

PACIFIC

Thomas P. Skeen, Pacific Bureau Chief
Chris Carlson, Assistant Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Assistant Managing Editors

Sean Moores, Sports
Christopher Six, Photo/Graphics
Brian Bowers, Features
Patrick Dickinson, News Editor
Joe Gromelski, Web

ADDRESSES

U.S. MAIL: Unit 45002, APO AP 96338-5002
INTERNATIONAL MAIL: 23-17 Roppongi, 7-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo
106-0032, Japan

FAX: DSN 229-3132; civ (+81) (03) 3408-8936

E-MAIL: Readers Forum: letters@pstripes.osd.mil
Advertising: advertising@pstripes.osd.mil
Marketing: marketing@pstripes.osd.mil
Circulation: circulation@pstripes.osd.milCENTRAL OFFICE: 529 14th Street NW, Suite 350,
Washington DC 20045-1301.

Phone: DSN 312-763-0900 or civ (+1) (202) 761-0900.

Fax: (+1) (202) 761-0890

EDITORIAL DIRECTOR: Terry Leonard,
529 14th St. NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20045-1301.

Phone: DSN 312-763-0535 or civ (+1) (202) 761-0535.

E-mail: leonard.terry@pstripes.osd.mil

HOW TO CALL US

GENERAL MANAGER: John D. Panasiewicz,
tel DSN 229-3121; civ (+81) (3) 6385-3121
READERS' FORUM: tel DSN 229-3166; civ (+81) (3) 6385-3166;
e-mail letters@pstripes.osd.mil
SPORTS: Dave Ornauer, tel DSN 645-7433; civ (+81) (98) 893-2702;
e-mail ornauerd@pstripes.osd.mil
For business, advertising and circulation numbers, turn to the
classified section.

NEWS BUREAUS

JAPAN

Tokyo Editors: Thomas P. Skeen, Chris Carlson, Unit 45002, APO AP 96337-
5002; tel DSN 229-3357/3158; civ (03) 6385-3357/3158; fax DSN 229-3271;
civ (+81)(03) 3408-8936; e-mail skeent@pstripes.osd.mil;
carlsonc@pstripes.osd.milTokyo Reporters: Teri Weaver, Hana Kusumoto and Tim Wightman, tel DSN
229-3105, 229-3152 and 229-3166; civ (+81) (3) 6385-3105/3152/3166;
fax DSN 229-3271; e-mail weavert@pstripes.osd.mil;
kusumotoh@pstripes.osd.mil; wightmant@pstripes.osd.mil
Misawa: T.D. Flack, tel DSN 226-2550; civ (0176) 53-5181 ext. 226-2550;
(81) 3117-66-2550; fax DSN 226-3847; e-mail flackct@pstripes.osd.mil
Sasebo/Iwakuni: Travis Trittent, PSC 476, Box 726, FPO AP 96322-1126;
tel DSN 252-3832; civ (0956) 50-3832; fax DSN 252-3878;
e-mail tritentt@pstripes.osd.milYokosuka/Atsugi: Erik Slavin and David Carter, tel DSN 241-2874/2873;
civ (03) 04-6896-2874; e-mail 090-8054-8241; fax DSN 241-2876;
e-mail slavin@pstripes.osd.mil; carterd@pstripes.osd.mil
Yokota/Camp Zama/Camp Fuji: Vince Little and Bryce Dubee, Unit 5058 APO
AP 96328-5058; e-mail 090-3529-3506 (Little) or 080-5641-1935 (Dubee);
e-mail littlev@pstripes.osd.mil; dubeeb@pstripes.osd.mil
Okinawa: David Allen, Chiyomi Sumida, Cindy Fisher and Natasha Lee, Camp
Foster, Unit 3517, FPO AP 96374; tel DSN 645-3807 or
civ (+81) (98) 893-2702; fax DSN 645-9165;
e-mail okubureau@pstripes.osd.mil

KOREA

Seoul Office: Unit 15334, APO AP 96205-0423;
tel DSN 721-7131/7132/7134 or civ (+82) (2) 2270-7132/7134;
e-mail koreabureau@pstripes.osd.mil
Area II: (Yongsan Garrison): Ashley Rowland, Hwang Hae-ym, Jimmy Norris.
Mail to Unit 15334, APO AP 96205-0423; tel DSN 721-7131, 721-7132 or
721-7134; civ (+82)(2) 2270-7131/7132/7134;
e-mail: rowlanda@pstripes.osd.mil; hwangh@pstripes.osd.mil; norrisj@
pstripes.osd.mil; koreabureau@pstripes.osd.mil; fax DSN 721-7141
Area III, IV: (Osan Air Base, Camp Humphreys, Kunsan Air Base, Chinhae
Naval Base) Franklin Fisher. Mail to Unit 15334, APO AP 96295-0423;
tel DSN 784-2751 or civ (+82)(31) 661-2751; fax DSN 784-4523;
e-mail fisherf@pstripes.osd.mil

WASHINGTON D.C.

Bureau chief: Patrick Dickinson, 529 14th Street NW, Suite 350, Washington DC
20045-1301; tel DSN (312) 763-0859; civ (+1)(202) 761-0859;
fax (+1) (202) 761-0890; e-mail dicksonp@pstripes.osd.mil;
Assistant bureau chief: Derek Turner, tel civ (+1)(202) 761-0860;
e-mail TurnerD@pstripes.osd.mil; Reporters: Jeff Schogol,
tel DSN (312) 222-1926; tel civ (+1)(703) 692-1926;
e-mail jeffrey.schogol@pstripes.osd.mil; Leo Shane, tel DSN (312) 763-1183;
tel civ (+1)(202) 761-1183; e-mail shanel@pstripes.osd.mil; and Kevin Barron,
tel DSN (312) 222-1875; tel civ (+1)(703) 692-1875;
e-mail barronk@pstripes.osd.mil; 529 14th Street NW, Suite 350, Washington
DC 20045-1301; fax civ (+1)(202) 761-0890Stars and Stripes (USPS 017252) is published daily (except Christmas and
New Year's) for 50 cents daily and \$1 Sunday by the Stars and Stripes central
office, 529 14th St. NW, Suite 350, Washington DC 20045-1301. Periodicals
postage paid at San Francisco, Calif. Postmaster: Send address changes to
Pacific Stars and Stripes, Unit 45002, APO AP 96338-5002.

OMBUSMAN: MARK J. PRENDERGAST

The Stars and Stripes ombudsman protects the free flow
of news and information, reporting any attempts by the
military or other authorities to undermine the newspaper's
independence. The ombudsman also responds to concerns and
questions from readers, and monitors coverage for fairness,
accuracy, timeliness and balance. The ombudsman welcomes
comments from readers, and can be contacted by e-mail at
ombudsman@pstripes.osd.mil, or by phone at 202-761-0945.

© Stars and Stripes 2009

STARS AND STRIPES WEB SITE: WWW.STRIPES.COM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

No more excuses

I am writing in response to the articles
about Sgt. John M. Russell, accused of kill-
ing five of his fellow servicemembers.The front-page story "Expert: Military
health system not adequate" (May 15)
has an interesting line that reads, "It's too
early to know exactly who is to blame for
the killings. ..."Russell's father suggests it is the mental
health personnel. Others blame combat
stress, but clearly the blame lies at the feet
of one man, Sgt. John M. Russell.When are we, as an Army and a nation,
going to start holding people accountable
for their actions? When tragedy strikes,
why do we look for people to blame other
than the actual perpetrator? The real ques-
tion is, why will Pfc. Michael Yates' son
grow up without his father?I believe a majority of soldiers and ci-
vilians deployed to war zones experience
stress, but still manage to cope.Russell's father says: "The purpose of
the stress clinic is to find out what will
break your spirit, what will break your will
and one way to do it is to tell them, 'That's
it. You don't belong in the military. Get out
of here.'"I could not disagree more. It is a slap
in the face to all mental health profes-
sionals who dedicate their lives to helping
soldiers.I had a problem and, for a time, did not
seek treatment because I was afraid of what
people might think. When I finally went for
treatment, I was met with the compassion
and kindness of people who truly wanted
to help me.

Tell us what you think

Stars and Stripes welcomes your comments on
editorials and columns that are published in the
newspaper, and values letters on topics of im-
portance in the lives of our readers. All letters must
be signed, and must include the writer's address or
base and telephone number. Please limit all letters
to 300 words. We reserve the right to edit letters for
length, taste and clarity.

Send your letters to:

U.S. mail:

Readers' Forum
Stars and Stripes
Unit 45002
APO AP 96338-5002
Via fax from Japan: 03-3408-8936;
DSN 229-3271

International mail:

Stars and Stripes
Roppongi
Minato-ku
Tokyo 106-0032

Via fax from outside Japan:

[Country code +81] 3-3408-8936;
DSN 229-3271

E-mail: letters@pstripes.osd.mil

So I hope you will run a front-page ar-
ticle dedicated to the mental health pro-
fessionals and chaplains who provide an
invaluable service to the men and women
of the armed forces.

Staff Sgt. Evan Berger

Forward Operating Base Loyalty, Iraq

Liberals can be Christians

I am writing in response to "Sexy Chris-
tians don't need liberals' burqas" (Opinion,
Ann Coulter, May 18).I am confused at the platform on which
Coulter stands, that liberals = Christian-haters. In fact, her quote "It's not just
Christianity — it's women liberals hate"
startles me.I realize fully that a [subjective column]
takes some liberties within reason to use
a stereotype here and there, and I'm not
even going to get into the bulk of her col-
umn. This, however, is not OK.I am both a Christian and a liberal, thank
you. These two things are not fundamen-
tally separate, like Coulter would like her
readers to think. Not only as a liberal Dem-
ocrat do I not hate Christians, I also do not
hate women (my liberal, Christian wife can
attest to that). The beauty of Christianity is
that whether the believer is man, woman,
liberal, conservative, military, civilian, gay
or straight, we are all loved by God.Whatever your pretense about Miss Cal-
ifornia USA and her comments during the
Miss USA Pageant, it shouldn't be a forum
to stereotype liberals to the degree that
this column did. I've read several columns
from Coulter, knowing that she represents
the conservative, Republican view. Maybe
the liberals she knows are really out to
lunch, or maybe it's her wonderfully biased
charm that brings the nastiness out in her
circle of Democratic colleagues.My advice to Coulter is, open your eyes.
Not every liberal has the same views spe-
cifically, but be careful not to pigeonhole
us all. A liberal can be a Christian, and we
don't all hate women (not that you haven't
done a sufficient job preventing that). It's
nice to meet you.Petty Officer 2nd Class Chad Lozier
USS Kidd

Rights council seat a good first step for U.S.

Los Angeles Times editorial

The Obama administration says it
is committed to protecting human
rights and supporting multilateral
institutions, and the decision to seek a
place on the United Nations Human Rights
Council was a step in that direction. We
are pleased that the General Assembly
voted overwhelmingly last week to seat the
United States on the council for the first
time since its creation in 2006.The council was set up to replace the
U.N. Human Rights Commission, which
was ineffective. Critics are correct that
this, too, is a flawed organization. Many
countries on the 47-seat council are cited
by international organizations as human-
rights violators, including other new mem-
bers Cuba, Saudi Arabia and China. Some
governments have used their membership
to deflect criticism from their own abuses.
And the council has focused disproportionately
on Israel's treatment of Palestinians at
the expense of other pressing issues in
countries such as Zimbabwe, Sudan and
Myanmar. Opponents see these as reasons
to shun a discredited council, but we be-lieve they are rea-
sons to engage.An intergovern-
mental agency is by
definition political
and often problem-
atic. In this case, that
means joining forces
with countries that
may not stand up to
international scrutiny on human rights
— the same countries the United States
works with at the United Nations and in
many other international forums. Nothing
is to be gained by remaining on the side-
lines; the United States cannot exercise
leadership in a group to which it does not
belong. By joining the council, the United
States has an opportunity to help reform
it and build it into a credible advocate for
human rights. In 2011, the council must
undertake a universal periodic review of
its procedures and the human-rights re-
cords of all 192 U.N. member states. The
United States can help ensure that both
are done professionally and honestly.We hope that joining the council will
help mend the Bush administration's con-*By joining the council,
the United States has an
opportunity to help reform
it and build it into a credible
advocate for human rights.*frontational relation-
ship with the United
Nations and over-
come its legacy of
abuses committed in
the name of the "war
on terror." But here's
where things get
complicated: Obama
administration deci-sions last week to withhold photographs
of detainees being abused and to continue
Bush-era military commissions for pro-
secuting terrorism suspects cast doubt on
the president's commitment to cleaning
house. So, too, does a threat to halt intel-
ligence-sharing with Britain if a British
court makes public details of interrogation
techniques used against a former Guanta-
namo Bay prisoner.In addition to reforming the Human
Rights Council, we would like to see the
Obama administration articulate a human-
rights agenda to pursue on the council,
be it for rule of law or women's rights, or
against torture. Of course, it's not enough
to support an agenda; the United States
must also follow one.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Turning deadbeat dads into proud papas

By CLARENCE PAGE
Chicago Tribune

It's the sort of story that had to happen sooner or later: A Detroit judge is sentencing delinquent dads to watch the "Maury" television show. If you're not a fan, that may strike you as a violation of the Constitution's provisions against cruel and unusual punishment. But this punishment does fit the crime.

Judge Wade McCree of the Wayne County Circuit Court doesn't sentence all of his dads who fall behind in their child support payments to watch the syndicated daytime talk show hosted by Maury Povich. Some are too far beyond redemption, he says, to benefit much from force-fed video therapy.

But he insists that some others have benefited from exposure to the show's famously raucous focus on paternity issues, especially Povich's special 11-year-old franchise called "Who's Your Daddy?" Men who either deny paternity (or who want verification that they really are the daddy) are given DNA tests and the results are revealed on the air.

"Some of these men in my court watch the show and see how ridiculous some of the deadbeats look, and then they realize it's them," McCree told the Detroit Free Press.

Indeed, the audience make

their thumbs-up-or-down judgment vocally apparent. An apparent scoundrel dad or hoochie mama can touch off a frenzy of head-shaking, finger-wagging boos, catcalls and screams as if someone released live mice in the studio.

During the few times that I have seen the program over the years, I have been drawn to the same conclusion about the moms and alleged dads that an American official once famously said about the Iran-Iraq war: The pity is that one of them has to win.

Alleged daddies who are exonerated by DNA results may jump up and down in celebration like winners of a Powerball lottery, while the tearful mom runs off behind the curtains, chased by cameras as she bawls her eyes out for the little mouth she must continue to feed alone.

A particularly sad feature is the repeaters, the determined mommies who return a dozen times or more with a new suspect in tow and insisting, "I know he's the father," the same as they insisted of the previous dozen. Someone needs to tell our young women, "Ladies, if he really loves you, he'll wear a condom."

But what keeps audiences coming back, I imagine, is the occasional heartwarming sight of a young father who, after his paternity is confirmed, humbly vows to do what the judge hopes



SHIRA DANIELS, NBC UNIVERSAL/AF

Talk show host Maury Povich, left, speaks with Wayne County (Mich.) Circuit Judge Wade McCree on the set of "Maury" on April 1.

all fathers will do, "man up and be responsible."

I wish the judge success. I don't want to join the angry mobs in stacking the deck against dads who have legitimate excuses for failing to make their child support payments. But kids need all the support they can get. Despite laudable success by some single moms, fatherless children overall are at a much greater risk of poor nutrition, poor school performance, drug and alcohol abuse, dropping out of school, criminal activity, incarceration and early death.

Judge McCree appeared on Povich's show last Thursday, a day after the National Center for Health Statistics reported a disturbing surge in the nation's out-of-wedlock birth rate. More than 1.7 million babies were born to unmarried women in 2007, according to the report. That's a 26 percent rise from 2002 and more than double the number in 1980.

Unmarried women accounted for 39.7 percent of all U.S. births in 2007 — up from 34 percent in 2002 and more than double the percentage in 1980.

The rates increased for all

racers, but they remained highest and rose fastest for Hispanics and blacks. There were 106 births to every 1,000 unmarried Hispanic women in 2006, 72 per 1,000 blacks, 32 per 1,000 whites and 26 per 1,000 Asians, the report showed.

Various specialists have offered a variety of reasons for the surge. They include a general relaxing of the social stigma associated with unmarried motherhood, growing numbers of financially independent women, and an increase in couples delaying or forgoing marriage. Similar trends in Scandinavian countries, which have more generous government health care and child support programs than the States, have led to out-of-wedlock birth rates as high as 50 percent.

Since the U.S. is unlikely to join Scandinavia's generous state-sponsored child support approach, I was happy to hear that Povich is teaming up with an organization called The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. It may sound like a cynical public-relations ploy, since the organization's success theoretically could deny Povich future guests. But the real problem is not the "Maury" show asking "Who's Your Daddy?" The real problem is that too many kids don't know the answer.

Clarence Page is a Tribune columnist.

Small successes come hard in battle over mascots

By TIM GIAGO (NANWICA KCIJI)

Twenty-nine years ago I wrote my first column about high school, college and professional sports teams using American Indians as mascots for their fun and games.

I wrongfully assumed at the time that if Indians opposed to this kind of treatment spoke out about it, the bright minds at the institutions of higher learning would surely see this as a human rights issue and voluntarily bring this racist practice to an end.

Over the years some boards of education in different parts of America have taken seriously the efforts of various Indian groups and have made every effort to remove offending nicknames from sports teams within their jurisdiction, but usually without success.

Like me, they were taken aback at the angry reaction from the alumni and student body of the schools in question. To these reactionaries, it was as if the mascot was sacrosanct and to even suggest changing the name was an act of heresy.

A few years after my first column about mascots appeared, a young Indian woman of the Spokane Tribe in Washington, a student at the University of Illinois, was bothered and angered by the antics of that school's mascot, Chief Illiniwek. The chief was a white boy dressed in Indian attire. In an effort to emulate the traditional Indian dances, he would prance out on the football field, jump into the air and touch his toes, and otherwise perform a dance that was at best comical to some but insulting to her.

That young lady, Charlene Teters, discovered her efforts to get supposedly educated faculty and students to understand the racial significance of this issue would take many years, and she would face threats and physical assaults in the process.

Like me and others, she would soon dis-

cover that the word "fan" is the shortened version of "fanatic," and this revelation would stay true to form over the years. A maelstrom of opposition from "fanatics" across America rained down on those Indians protesting one of America's last bastions of racism.

Teters continued her protests after she graduated from the University of Illinois and each year returned to the school at the start of the football season to express her displeasure and disappointment in the alumni, faculty and student body. In the beginning she was a lone figure standing at the entrance to the stadium dodging cups of water and soft drinks and even the butts of burning cigarettes flipped in her direction. But soon she was joined by Indians from across this great land.

In the end her efforts paid off and Chief Illiniwek was put to rest, but he still pops up now and then almost as a figure of reverse protest on the part of diehards who

refuse to let go.

At the University of North Dakota, the same battle took place over its mascot known as the "Fighting Sioux." Last week the North Dakota Board of Higher Education took the high road and agreed to drop the nickname and Indian head logo. ...

Supporters of the mascot still have high hopes that the mascot can be saved if the Standing Rock and Spirit Lake tribes agree by Oct. 1 to give the university permission to use the name for 30 more years. Chances of this happening are slim to none. The board voted 8-0 to retire the logo and nickname.

But a discussion on ESPN Radio on Saturday featured a white man, a black man and a white woman assuring each other that using Indians as mascots didn't bother them, lacked only one defining ingredient, the opinion of a red man or woman.

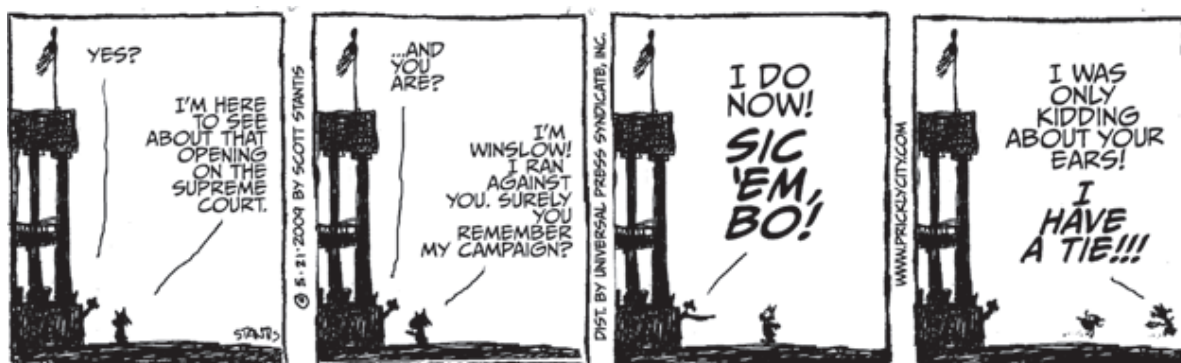
It is no great victory for me, Charlene Teters, Suzanne Harjo, Michael Haney,

Bill Means, Vernon Bellecourt and others to witness these small successes because there is still a long road ahead of us. Haney and Bellecourt have since traveled to the Spirit World, but they still remain as a source of inspiration for those of us still left in the battle.

We will take these small successes in stride because it proves to us something we have been preaching for nearly 30 years: Educating Americans about using Indians as mascots that are demeaning, hurtful and racially motivated is an ongoing process, and if schools like Dartmouth, Stanford, Marquette, and now North Dakota and Illinois can finally see how Indians as a people find this practice objectionable and can change, Americans are finally joining Indians as a part of the 21st century.

McClatchy-Tribune Information Services columnist Tim Giago, an Oglala Lakota, is founder of the Native American Journalists Association and publisher of the Native Sun News.

Prickly City



By SCOTT STANTIS

President's statue loses its head

OH HIRAM — Someone has beheaded a statue of President James Garfield that was installed recently at an Ohio college.

Hiram College spokesman Shawn Brown says the vandalism was discovered just a day after the sandstone statue was dedicated on the campus in Hiram, 30 miles southeast of Cleveland.

Brown says the college is hoping the head will be recovered so the 95-year-old statue can be restored, but police have no leads in their investigation.

In the mid-1800s, Ohio native Garfield was a student and later the principal at the school that later became Hiram College. He was elected the nation's 20th president in 1880.

Mass. conducts driver sting at high schools

MA BOSTON — The state has decided to back up its junior driver laws with a spot check during prom and graduation season.

Registry and law enforcement officials were slated to conduct morning education stings at Belmont High School and 32 other high schools across Massachusetts.

The officials were checking to see whether junior operators were wearing seatbelts and complying with the state's graduated license requirements. They include a ban on driving anyone other than a sibling for the first six months with a license.

Suspect killed, police officer hurt in shooting

CA INGLEWOOD — A man armed with a semiautomatic handgun was killed in a shootout with police and one officer was wounded in the leg, authorities said.

Police were sent to a home in response to neighbors' complaints about people fighting, possibly at a party, said Lt. Mike McBride.

The officers said shots were exchanged after they were confronted by a man with a handgun.

The wounded officer was hospitalized in stable condition.

Police: Son killed parents, shot himself

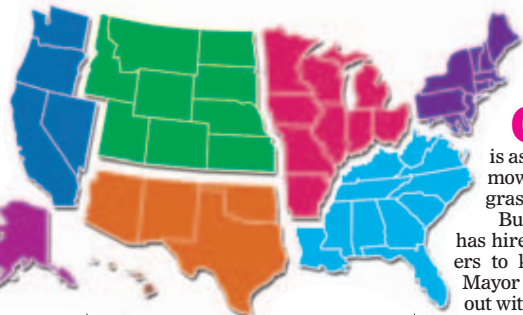
TX LEAGUE CITY — Police say a couple and their son are dead after an apparent double murder-suicide.

Authorities found the bodies of Lewis Cantrell III, his father, Lewis Cantrell II, and stepmother, Gayle Cantrell.

Sgt. John Jordan with the League City Police Department told the Houston Chronicle that a .38 caliber pistol was found near the younger man's body.

Police, wardens who died on duty are honored

ME AUGUSTA — Gov. John Baldacci is the featured speaker at this year's observance in Augusta that honors Maine law enforcement personnel who died



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

in the line of duty.

The ceremony will be held at the Maine Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, near the State House.

The memorial contains 82 names, none of which have been added for this year's observance.

The agency with the most names on the memorial is the Maine Warden Service, with 14. That's followed by Maine State Police, which has 10.

Teen suspects get into fight in courtroom

MD BALTIMORE — Alleged Black Guerrilla Family gang members Kenneth Robbins and William Key used to call each other brother — until Robbins, then 15, was arrested and told police that the friends each had fatally shot a 16-year-old in the face.

Fearing for Robbins' safety in Baltimore's violent "stop snitching" culture, prosecutor Theresa Shaffer ensured that the teens would be kept apart.

But in a city courtroom recently, as attorneys negotiated a more lenient sentence for Robbins in exchange for his testimony against Key, corrections officers put the feuding teens on the same bench long enough for Key to wriggle out of his handcuffs and pummel Robbins, according to witnesses.



Boxing out

Christel Gellidon, 24, uses a box for shade while waiting to see her brother graduate from the University of California, Merced. First lady Michelle Obama gave the keynote speech.

Mayor trims costs and grass

OH TOLEDO — An Ohio mayor is asking residents to grab a mower and help him cut the grass in city parks.

Budget cuts mean Toledo has hired fewer seasonal workers to keep its parks tidy, so Mayor Carty Finkbeiner was out with a mower doing the job at a park near his home. About 10 city administrative employees joined him, on their own time.

Finkbeiner says he plans to spend the next several Saturdays on yard duty at the parks. Administrators say the city is making do with about half of the 80 employees hired last summer to mow parks and cemeteries.

Rock climber falls 30 feet, only breaks ankle

NH NORTH CONWAY — The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department said a rock climber fell 30 feet off a cliff and landed on a rock shelf 100 feet above ground.

WMUR reported Harrison Hall, of Boston, was climbing with a partner up a section of rock over North Conway called "Recompense," a moderately difficult route near Cathedral Ledge.

Rescue teams said Hall was placing pieces of metal climbing gear that anchored his safety rope to the rock. When Hall fell, three metal attachments tore away from the cracks and caused him to drop.

Climbers watched as Hall went into an uncontrolled fall 200 feet above the ground.

Hall was treated for a broken ankle.

No injuries reported after oil refinery fire

DE CLAYMONT — Firefighters contained a blaze caused by an overnight explosion at a Delaware oil refinery that rattled nearby homes but caused no injuries.

A fireball from the blast at Sunoco Inc.'s Marcus Hook facility lit up the night sky. Fire trucks sprayed down flames shooting high into the air at the complex straddling the Delaware-Pennsylvania border.

Authorities and company officials said no injuries were reported and no evacuations of surrounding neighborhoods were ordered.

Police dog scared of thunderstorms returns

IL CHICAGO — A Chicago police dog named Bear who is apparently a scaredy cat when it comes to thunder is back home after going missing during a recent storm.

Authorities say Bear, who went missing several days, was found safe, but dirty, by a man walking to a hardware store.

The man says he saw the dog at a cemetery and flagged down Officer Ann Jaros, who says Bear recognized her squad car and "jumped right in."

A microchip in the dog's neck confirmed it was Bear.

The black and tan German shepherd scaled a wooden fence and disappeared after roaring thunder apparently frightened him.



Four's a crowd

Four-year-old quadruplets, from left, Dean, Drew, Dylan and Devin Breese, of Milltown, N.J., play in the Count Splash Castle attraction at Sesame Place theme park in Langhorne, Pa.



Perched in the treetop

A bald eagle sits in a white pine near the Great Salt Bay in Newcastle, Maine. Some bird experts say the eagles are flying to Maine's remote rocky islands where they have been raiding nesting colonies of great cormorants.



Welcome back

Spc. Jonathan Mack, of Wall Lake, Iowa, holds his 1-year-old daughter, Olivia, during a welcome ceremony for soldiers with Company B, 248th Aviation Support Battalion held in Boone, Iowa.



Was he out of clean shorts? A runner in a pink ape costume participates in the 98th Bay to Breakers race in San Francisco.



Cuter than a cat up a tree Firefighters in Washington, D.C., plucked these four baby ducks from a storm drain after the rescuers heard the mother squawking for her hatchlings. Firefighters at Engine Company 9 noticed the duck "screaming at a storm drain" in an alley, fire department spokesman Alan Etter said. When they took the cover off the drain, they found four ducklings swimming about six feet down, he said. The firefighters took all the ducks, including a fifth duckling that had stayed by its mother's side, to a nearby police station.



Crowd with a mission Demonstrators in New York City rally in support of a marriage equality bill.

Teen who killed self in school wrote of killing

NY CANANDAIGUA — Authorities say a teenager who committed suicide with a sawed-off shotgun inside his western New York school left behind a journal in which he wrote about wanting to kill "just to kill."

Police in Canandaigua released excerpts from 17-year-old Thomas Kane's journal, including an entry made the day he shot himself in a bathroom at Canandaigua Academy, a public school 25 miles southeast of Rochester.

Kane wrote that he wasn't bullied and tormented, but had a growing hatred "towards all the people in that school." The teen also wrote, "I'm not just another school shooter."

Police say Kane had 30 rounds of ammunition on him and in his locker. Two Molotov cocktails were also found in his locker.

State's largest hospital adding cancer center

VT BURLINGTON — Construction is under way on a new \$19.3 million cancer treatment center at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington.

The 23,000-square-foot radiation oncology center is being built on the east side of Fletcher Allen, Vermont's largest hospital.

Fletcher Allen officials say the new center will give patients more privacy, give doctors more room to work, and make it easier for patients to move from radiation treatment to chemotherapy.

WCAX television says the new building is about double the size of the existing radiation oncology department, which has been in use for 40 years.

Dr. James Wallace says 80 to 90 patients visit each day. Some days treatments begin at 6 a.m. and don't end until 10 p.m.

Fugitive mother released from prison

MI PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP — A California mother of three who spent decades evading the law after escaping from a Michigan prison has been freed after serving a little more than a year in prison following her recapture.

Family members greeted Susan LeFevre, 54, upon her release from Huron Valley prison, south of Ann Arbor. LeFevre told reporters prison is a "very tragic, hard place," and her family's support helped her persevere.

LeFevre, who is married with three children, was living a comfortable life in the San Diego area under the name Marie Walsh before her arrest in April 2008.

LeFevre climbed a fence and escaped from a prison near Detroit in 1976 after serving about 14 months of a 10-year sentence for a drug conviction.

Gang member gets life for fatal shooting

MA SALEM — A reputed gang member from Lynn, Mass., has been sentenced to life in prison for fatally shooting a rival.

Bonrad Sok was sentenced in Salem Superior Court for shooting

18-year-old Cristian Vargas-Martinez outside a Lynn restaurant in November 2007.

The 19-year-old Sok was convicted of second-degree murder, meaning he is eligible for parole after 15 years.

Authorities say Sok, a member of the Bloods gang, was 17 when he shot Crips gang member Vargas-Martinez in retaliation for a machete attack on another Bloods member.

Sok had been charged with first-degree murder, but defense lawyers argued that another man pulled the trigger.

Utah school forces student to remove kilt

UT WEST HAVEN — The principal of a Utah middle school has been asked to apologize for forcing a kilt-wearing student to change his clothes.

Weber School District spokesman Nate Taggart says Craig Jessop has been asked to extend an apology to 14-year-old student Gavin McFarland, of Hooper, after the school official's comments about the garment.

Gavin says he wore the kilt twice in the past two weeks to Rocky Mountain Junior High as a prop for an art project. Jessop told the boy that the outfit could be misconstrued as cross-dressing.

Driver again accused of soliciting walkers for sex

VT PLAINFIELD — A Barre man is facing charges of trying to solicit sex from pedestrians for a second time.

Nineteen-year-old Trytton Jarvis is accused of exposing himself and offering money for sex to two 15-year-old girls walking on Route 2 in Plainfield, according to the Barre Montpelier Times Argus. Jarvis will be charged with lewd and lascivious conduct next month.

He also is facing charges of driving up to a woman on Route 100 in Duxbury and offering to pay to have perform a sex act on April 30.

Man dies after shooting at farmers market

VA NEWPORT NEWS — Newport News police say a man has died after a shooting at a farmers market.

Spokesman Lou Thurston says the man was walking to his car at Game's Farmers Market when he was approached by two men and shot in the abdomen. The man died at a hospital a short time later.

Thurston said police are looking for two men who left the market in a black sedan, possibly a Kia.

Rare comic books go up for auction in Dallas

TX DALLAS — Ralph Chicorel, 78, was careful with the comic books he bought for 10 cents each at the drugstore in his old Detroit neighborhood. He will auction off about 110 of the comics he started collecting as an 8-year-old at Dallas-based Heritage Auction Galleries, an offering that's expected to garner about \$500,000.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

The Aries moon gives a zesty kick to this first full day of the Gemini sun. No matter how busy you are, take advantage of the high-energy vibes by fitting in time for exercise and fun. No matter how much you get done, you won't feel very productive unless you do something enjoyable for yourself. Tonight is the best choice for date night this week.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 21).

Your harmonious relationships make a statement. It's like your life is a peace demonstration. Working to maintain communication, cooperation and togetherness is a pleasure. Spring brings commitment. June and October are glorious for travel. Business in August allows you to be creatively free. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some people take you so literally! You'll be asked to explain yourself or to teach someone a process in minute increments. When communication is challenging, it's a lesson in patience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Someone who loves you may nonetheless be clueless about how to show it. Try not to expect this person to automatically know how to please you. Drop major hints or just tell this person directly what to do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The aggravations of daily life are absorbed into your body. That's why it's important to take measures to discharge negativity; for instance, with a vigorous run or a long, hot bath. You need loving care, so go get it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Unlikely companions fill your heart with joy. It's a funny colleague from a different generation or a sweet animal friend that makes you laugh. Revel in the whimsical interplay of strange company.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have that certain mysterious X factor that keeps you in the limelight now. But what do you do with all of this

attention? You need to make it work for you. Perhaps it's time to get into sales.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You tend to underplay your talent. And when you've toiled and struggled over a piece of work, you modestly say "it was nothing." Well, it wasn't nothing. It was something. Stand and accept recognition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You might be so bold as to upgrade one of your dreams into the status of "goal." What does it take? Make a commitment to do it and name a time in which it will be completed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Get out and mingle. Even if you don't make a love connection or a stellar contact for

your business, you could still make a friend. And as you shake hands and swap stories, you'll be collecting valuable social experiences.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No matter how much you have to spend today, you will be in a frugal mood. Every cent you have is rich in potential. You'd rather invest it in something that is likely to pay you back than squander on momentary pleasure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be determined to make your relationships harmonious, even if it means swallowing the words you'd really like to say. You're not sure if the other person could hear you anyway, and you're probably right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There has been an unusual turn of events and you might wish you had handled it differently. You did the best you could, and that was better than most. Be proud of yourself for being open to new experiences.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Social stars are on the rise. You'll be drawn to someone who has many of the same qualities that you have — that is to say, the person is intelligent, cultured and able to converse on a variety of topics.

Creators Syndicate

Holiday Mathis



SUDOKU

7	6	9	2		8
	5	4			9
	2		6		5
	9			1	
		8	3		7
	1	4			2
4	7			3	6
6					8

Difficulty: Hard

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's solution

6	4	6	7	3	2	8	1	9
5	1	3	6	5	5	2	7	4
7	8	2	4	1	9	5	6	3
4	7	1	3	2	6	9	8	5
2	6	5	9	4	8	1	3	7
8	3	9	1	5	7	4	2	6
1	2	4	5	7	3	6	9	8
3	9	8	2	6	4	7	5	1
6	5	7	8	1	3	4	2	9

Beetle Bailey

Cal Fuzzy

Casper

Meaning of Life

Knight Life

Bubb

Other Court

Smart

Frank



Garfield



Baby Blues



Jim Starlin



Pat & Rover



Pat & Rover



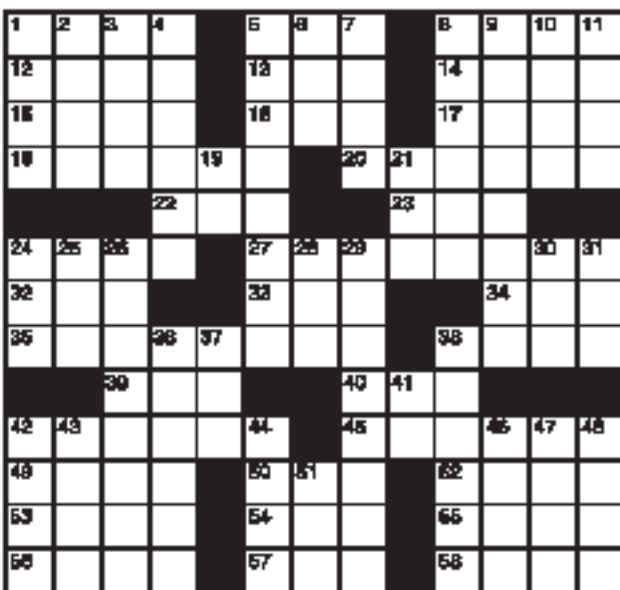
Major



Better or Worse



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Hammerhead part
- 3 Firm colada ingredient
- 6 Mosque bignia
- 12 Dole —
- 13 4D1(k) alternative
- 14 Unaltered
- 15 Elliptical
- 16 Showbiz job
- 17 Mothers and daughters
- 18 Medcoe's national flower
- 20 Big lizard
- 22 Young hawk
- 23 Apices
- 24 Bit of banter
- 27 Marching along
- 32 Kwan liba
- 33 Actress Verdalen
- 34 Central point
- 38 Unabashedly
- 39 Lettuce variety
- 39 Exal
- 40 Shock partner
- 42 Manor
- 44 All hand
- 49 Grand story
- 50 "— Blue?"
- 52 Home for hippos
- 53 Unrivaled
- 54 Shredded
- 55 Part of the loop
- 56 Use a wooden spoon

- 57 Architect I.M.
- 58 Early birds?

DOWN

- 1 Nitwit
- 2 Stromboli spillage
- 3 Asian nursemaid
- 4 Billfold
- 5 Tubular parts
- 6 Swiss canton
- 7 Creech trio
- 8 Dispenser
- 9 Hindu royal
- 10 Congregational call
- 11 Small plateau
- 19 Kipling poem
- 21 Unix transcript no.
- 24 Mandible
- 25 "I" trouble?
- 26 Gabriela of tennis fame
- 28 Dierker Anala
- 29 "24 Capricorn for Gold Violin" composer
- 30 Fle the soundtrack
- 31 Remede
- 35 Toric
- 37 Allow
- 38 Cap with a propeller
- 41 Lindbergh book
- 42 Morays
- 43 Location
- 44 O.K. Corral hero
- 46 Phone call?
- 47 Online journal
- 48 Longings
- 51 What of Hollywood

Answer to Previous Puzzle



5-21

CRYPTOQUIP

XPOJ DPVD ITQ VAACQFJI
SONFJ DZCL DPZNO DSFRPVC
CFON, F XZTCL NVQ PO
RVSIFNPOL DFO DSTDP.
Yesterday's Cryptquip: MASKED GUY RIDING
AROUND ON HORSEBACK COLLECTING
PAST-DUE DEBT PAYMENTS: THE LOAN RANGER.
Today's Cryptquip Clue: D equals T

Tourists' naivete embarrassing

Dear Abby: The letter from “Cheri-Ann in Honolulu” (Feb. 21), who wanted to remind your readers that Hawaii is indeed one of the 50 states, reflects the lack of reasonable preparation on the part of tourists.

My son lives in Hawaii and over the years we have visited him many times. The questions I have heard travelers ask flight attendants as they deplane in Honolulu run the gamut: "Where do I go to change money?" "Which side of the road do 'they' drive on?" "Is it safe here when it rains?" or "Is English widely spoken?" I think I've heard them all.


— Aloha From Alice
in Berkeley

Dear Alice: Some of the letters I received in response to Cher-Ann's were surprising — and amusing. I hope she will take comfort in knowing that Hawaii

isn't the only state that has been "overlooked." Read on:

Dear Abby: I am from Oregon and when I would go to visit family on the East Coast, some people did not know where my state is located. When I told them it was right above California, more than a few would then exclaim, "Oh, you're from Canada!"

— Diane in
Portland, Ore.



Dear Abby: My wife and I spent our honeymoon in Alaska. A girl on our cruise ship asked where we were from. When I replied, "Vermont," she asked what state it was in, "Maine or Massachusetts?" in answer to which I politely pointed out that Vermont is the nation's 14th state.

— Eric in Rutland, Vt.

Dear Abby: When people hear I'm from Kentucky's Appalachia region, they automatically ask if

my boyfriend is also my cousin, if possum is my favorite dish and if I've ever heard of the Internet. Stereotypes still exist. Both Hawaiians and Appalachians have a long way to go before we will be accepted, in the eyes of some people, as "Americans."

— Kentucky Native

Dear Abby: I work for the tourism department in New Mexico and want Cheri-Ann to know she is not alone. We frequently have to respond to questions like, "Do I need a passport or visa to visit?" or, "Can I drink the water?" We even received a letter from a wedding magazine requesting information regarding our "traditional" customs for marriage so they could run an article on our "country." And yes, you CAN drink the water here.

— Max From the state
of New Mexico

Letters for this column – with your name and phone number – should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby>
Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four jumbles,
one letter to each square,
to form four ordinary words.

YUALT				
○	○			

BEFLAD

 MINISTARSTVO
 OŠTAŠTVA I NAUKA
 REPUBLIKE SRBIJE

NAHRGE	
●	■
■	●
●	■

九、

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Anderson and Jeff Krulik



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Abstract

Yesterday's | **Jumble:** OBESE GULCH JAILED SUBTLY
Answer: What the table did at the meadow table —
 SHE "BULGHEY"

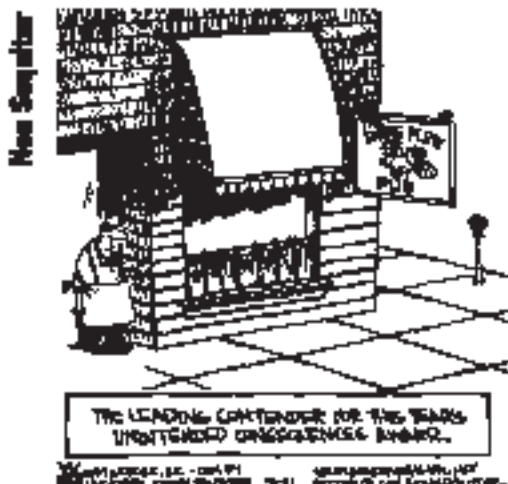
Second Round



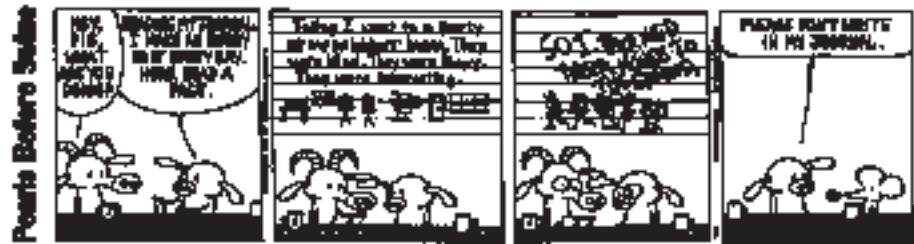
Strategic Review



Figure 1



Pamela Barbara Snyder



B2



Over The Edge



Parlour My Friend



AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	CSI: Miami "High Octane"	Backyardigans	Movie "Ghost World" (2001) Thora Birch. A caustic teen's soulmate is a middle-aged record collector.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon Revisited	Mad About You	NBA Shootaround	(8:00) Sports
9:30		Miss Spiders				State Dept Briefing	Living Single	NBA Draft	
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	
10:30		Curious George				AFN Europe Report			
11:00	Dr. Phil	Miss Spiders	(:05) Movie "It Could Happen to You" (1994, Romance-Comedy) Nicolas Cage, Bridget Fonda, Rosie Perez.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	Recon	E! News		Sports
11:30		Backyardigans			Everybody-Raymond	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
12:00	CBS Evening News	Handy Manny		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "Mir"		
12:30	ESPNNews	Dora the Explorer			Judge Judy	Around the Services		SportsCenter	
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues	Movie "The Craft" (1996) Robin Tunney, Fairuza Balk, L.A. teens strike back at tormentors with witchcraft.	Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Reba		
13:30		Bear in House		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	Downrange	Girlfriends		
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street				AFN News Europe	Emeril Live	NBA Fastbreak	Sports
14:30	World News-Gibson					Recon		(:20) Baseball Tonight	
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	(2:50) Movie "Absence of Malice" (1981, Drama) Paul Newman, Sally Field, Bob Balaban.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Landscape Smart	SportsCenter	
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals		Around the Services		Battleground	Color Splash		
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Tavis Smiley	Oprah Winfrey	The American Veteran	Ice Road Truckers "Mechanical Mayhem"	NHL Hockey Teams to Be Announced.	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30		(:40) Zatch Bell				Recon Revisited			
17:00	Dr. Phil	The Fairly OddParents	At the Movies	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja	Ent. Studios	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Futurama
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Ft. Hood on Track	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30	Everybody-Raymond	Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	Today's Air Force	The Colbert Report	NBA Fastbreak	Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	Wizards of Waverly Place	Movie "Catch and Release" (2007, Comedy-Drama) Jennifer Garner, Timothy Olyphant, Sam Jaeger.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	The Game	Briefing Encore	American Idol	(6:50) Baseball Tonight	UFC Unleashed
19:30	Judge Judy	Kenan & Kel		Today	Worst Week "Pilot"	Fit For Duty		SportsCenter	
20:00	The Young and the Restless	American Dreams "Pryor Knowledge"			Hell's Kitchen	Battleground	Dancing With the Stars		WWE Wrestling
20:30						Recon		NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	
21:00	General Hospital	Everybody Hates Chris	(:05) Movie "Love Don't Cost a Thing" (2003, Romance-Comedy) Nick Cannon, Christina Milian.	Today	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "19 Down..."	Around the Services			
21:30		The Cosby Show			Pacific Report	Pacific Report			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: TNG		America's Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Briefing Encore			Best Damn Sports Show Period
22:30		Strange Days				Week-Pentagon			
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "A New Life"	Movie "Dance With Me" (1998) Vanessa L. Williams.	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Tour of Duty	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals.	Attack of the Show!
23:30						Downrange	The Colbert Report		

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	SpongeBob SquarePants	(11:00) Movie "Dance With Me" (1998) Vanessa L. Williams.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	Exchange on Air	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals. From Busch Stadium in St. Louis. (Subject to Blackout Taped)	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Hannah Montana			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Futurama
1:00	Headline News	Wizards of Waverly Place	(:15) Movie "Zoolander" (2001) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. A disgraced male model is brainwashed to become an assassin.	Happening Now	Judge Judy	Today's Air Force	Any Day Now "Say Something"		The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Kenan & Kel			CSI: Miami "Darkroom"	Around the Services	Ghost Whisperer "The Collector"		Family Guy
2:00	The Game "Baby on Board"	American Dreams "Pryor Knowledge"		Newsroom		Downrange		SportsCenter	UFC Unleashed
2:30	Worst Week "Pilot"				This Week in the Pentagon				
3:00	Hell's Kitchen The chefs must recreate a signature dish.	Everybody Hates Chris	Movie "Catch and Release" (2007) Jennifer Garner, Sam Jaeger. A woman copes with the aftermath of her fiancé's death.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	Psych "Speak Now or Forever Hold Your Piece"	SportsCenter	WWE Wrestling
3:30		The Cosby Show			State Dept Briefing	State Dept Briefing	Seinfeld "The Cartoon"	ESPNNews	
4:00	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "19 Down..."	Degrassi: Next Generation	Strange Days-Blake Holsey	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Friends	College Football Live	
4:30					Final Score	Around the Services	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	Best Damn Sports Show Period
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	(:05) Movie "Love Don't Cost a Thing" (2003) Nick Cannon. A teen hires a cheerleader to pose as his girlfriend.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Headline News	FNG Useful benefits.	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
5:30	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Barney & Friends		Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	Essence of Emeril	Around the Horn	
6:00		Sesame Street				Around the Services	Simply Delicious	Pardon the Interruption	
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Bear in the Big Blue House	At the Movies	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Briefing Encore	FitTV's Housecalls	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:00					This Week in the Pentagon				
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Blue's Clues	Entertainment Studios.com	NBC Nightly News	Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet		NFL Total Access	Sports
8:00		Go, Diego, Go!	What It Takes	World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	Mad About You (Part 2 of 3)		(:15) NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	
8:30	Judge Judy	Super Why!	Entertainment Tonight	CBS Evening News	The View	Living Single "Play Ball"	Guiding Light		
9:00	American Idol The winner is revealed. (Live)	The Wonder Pets!	Movie "American Graffiti" (1973) Richard Dreyfuss, Ronny Howard. Town teens cruise on graduation night 1962.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty			
9:30		Little Einsteins		Hannity		AFN Europe Report			
10:00		Peep-Big World			Judge Alex	The Grill Sergeants	E! News		Sports
10:30		Curious George			Everybody Loves Raymond	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
11:00	Dr. Phil	Little Einsteins	(:05) Movie "Picture Perfect" (1997) Jennifer Aniston, Jay Mohr. A single gal pretends to be engaged to further her career.	Anderson Cooper 360	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "Dagger of the Mind"	Inside the NBA	
11:30		The Wonder Pets!		Special Report With Bret Baier	Judge Judy	Around the Services	Roseanne "Life and Stuff"	NBA Fastbreak	
12:00	CBS Evening News	Super Why!	Movie "Cellular" (2004, Suspense) Kim Basinger, Chris Evans. A kidnapped teacher calls a stranger on a cell phone.	Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends	(:20) Baseball Tonight	
12:30	ESPNNews	Go, Diego, Go!		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	Downrange	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues				AFN Europe Report			
13:30		Bear in the Big Blue House			Days of our Lives	Balad and Beyond	Design on a Dime	SportsCenter	
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street		The Rachel Maddow Show			Decorating Cents		
14:30	World News-Gibson			Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	Ice Road Truckers "Big Blizzard"	NHL Hockey Teams to Be Announced.	MTV Hits Playlist
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	(2:50) Movie "I, Robot" (2004) Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan. A homicide detective tracks a dangerous robot in 2035.	Tavis Smiley	Wheel of Fortune	Recon	King of the Hill		X Play
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals		Nightly Business Report	Jeopardy!	Around the Services	That '70s Show "Halloween"		Futurama
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	This Week in the Pentagon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
16:30		(:40) Zatch Bell			Around the Services	The American Veteran	The Colbert Report	NBA Fastbreak	Family Guy
17:00	Dr. Phil	(:05) The Fairly OddParents	Summer Movie Sneaks	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	King of the Hill	Briefing Encore	American Idol The winner is revealed.	(6:50) Baseball Tonight	The Hills
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles		Today	(:25) The Simpsons	Fit For Duty		SportsCenter	The Real World
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	What It Takes		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "DeVries Family"	Battleground			
18:30	Everybody Loves Raymond	Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight		House "The Greater Good"	Recon Revisited	Private Practice "A Family Thing"	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	Real World -- Road Rules Challenge
19:00	Access Hollywood	Just Jordan	Movie "Don't Say a Word" (2001) Michael Douglas. A psychiatrist needs help from a patient to save his daughter.	America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Strongbox"		Best Damn Sports Show Period
19:30	Judge Judy	The Naked Brothers Band			The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Briefing Encore	Friends	NBA Fastbreak	Attack of the Show!
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Made "Dream Date" Date for the prom.			Late Show-Letterman	Recon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	(:20) Baseball Tonight	
20:30						Army Newswatch	The Colbert Report		
21:00	General Hospital	Everybody Hates Chris	(:10) Movie "The Others" (2001) Nicole Kidman. A devout woman believes ghosts inhabit her darkened island mansion.						
21:30		The Cosby Show							
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: Next Generation							
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey							
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Traveling All-Stars"	(:10) Movie "Red Eye" (2005, Suspense) Rachel McAdams.						
23:30									





Military News

Sports

Weather

News you can use online 24/7 at Stripes.com

STRIPE CLASSIFIED

Strips FREE Classified

Selling your couch, your car or your Stephen King collection?

Sell it FREE in Stripes classified.

Up to 32 words FREE for 21 days!

Free Ad Guidelines:

- Free ads are available to DOD ID card holders only.
- All free ads must be mailed, faxed or e-mailed. You may renew or make changes to your ad by calling 229-3276.
- Free ads run for 21 days and on a space available basis only.
- Please spell out each word. No abbreviations.
- Non prices must be listed.
- Free ads are available for private parties only. For information on commercial or in-home business ads, please call 229-3276.
- Stars and Stripes reserves the right to re-classify, rewrite or reject any ad.

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Installation _____
Your ad _____

Submit coupon to: Stars and Stripes, Classified Ad Dept., Unit 45002, APO AP 96337-5002 Fax DSN 229-3214, CML 03-3423-8257, E-Mail classifieds@pstrips.osd.mil

Announcements 040

Individuals placing classified advertising should use discretion in concluding the sale of their property. Not all potential buyers are reputable or honest. S&S suggests that you take precautions to ensure that potential buyers are reputable and will be able to fulfill the terms of the sale. S&S is not liable for the contractual relationship between sellers and buyers of merchandise advertised in the newspaper or on the web site.

Your Hometown Newspaper
STARS AND STRIPES
www.strips.com

Autos for Sale 141

Atsugi - FOR SALE: 1991 GMC Syclone AWD, 4.3 lit V6 turbo, 320HP, very clean, runs great, 62,000 miles. This truck was only made in 1991 with less than 2000 made, Kelly blue color value is over \$18,000, still the fastest production truck ever made! Brand New Rims and Tires 17x9 front, 17x10 back, rear disc brake mod. New Optima Battery, New Shocks. Very Fast and Very Rare. \$9500 OBO e-mail arte_cole@yahoo.com, cell: 08033590521

Atsugi - Japan - 1995 Mitsubishi RVR 64K km, JCI good thru July 2010, Road tax good thru May 2010. Forest green. All wheel drive. Tires less than 1 year old. Full sized spare. New front bearings and brakes. Reliable runner, has proven itself on numerous trips to Narita and beyond \$1900. Call George 080 2063 0239. Photos on request!

Iwakuni - 1990 Skyline GTR (Iwakuni). This is the twin turbo, all wheel drive model. I have thousands of dollars of aftermarket parts, including a second motor. Please email for list of what I have. \$8500 offer for everything. Contact Scott at 0 8 0 - 3 4 7 4 - 8 5 5 6 or ptowic@gmail.com

Yokosuka - 1995 Black Nissan Pulsar 2DR Automatic, well maintained, clean interior, 12 Disc CD changer, Road Taxes already paid, runs great. JCI until August 2010, Base Inspection until July 2010, \$1200 OBO. Phone: 241-2730

Autos for Sale 141

Sasebo - 2005 Dodge Magnum R/T in Sasebo, with heated leather seats, 5 speed automatic, V-6 5.7 liter engine, 22 inch wheels, KW coilovers, Magna-flow exhaust, Sun roof, LED tail lights, Rockford Fosgate stereo system, Side mirror LED blinkers, Body Kit, Billet grill, dual zone A/C, 47,000 miles. Fully registered in Japan and state-side legal (bought in Hawaii). Asking \$15,000.00 OBO. Contact Darrell at fergusod@hnd2.navy.mil or cell 08032719224.

Yokosuka - 1996 Mitsubishi Legnum Station Wagon AWD: 96,000 kilometers, AM/FM/CD player, Automatic transmission, well-maintained, clean interior, automatic climate control, tinted windows, road taxes already paid, runs great! One owner for past 7 years. JCI until June '09. Available immediately. MUST SELL! \$800 OBO, phone: 045-774-9110

Yokosuka - 1996 Red Nissan March 4DR Automatic, well maintained, clean interior, Road Taxes already paid, runs great. Great on gas. JCI until June 2010. Base Inspection until May 2010. \$1200 OBO. Phone: 241-2730

Yokosuka - 1990 Nissan Skyline GTS 4 door CD A/C heat w/ windows locks, runs great, 109,000km JCI good until Feb. 2010 road tax paid. \$550. Call 480-302-4444 or email mxcr2502000@yahoo.com

Announcements 040

www.oconus.com
Weekly Sales...
Hundreds of Coupons!
Shop for Dad at Dad's Store that's over 600 stores that ENJOY THE FUN!
www.oconus.com

Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1991 Toyota Ace van Family van for sale great for sale! Runs great! Clean & non-smoking 2000rld A/C works. Paid road tax JCI until Feb. 2010 asking \$650 obo call 614-358-4889 for more info.

Yokota, Japan - 1992 Nissan Serena due to PCS will be available in June Brand new engine! Seats 8 JCI is due Sept 30th 2009, and we PCS in June, too early to get it updated. JCI cost us \$363.00 which we have taken off the sticker price. Passes Base pre-inspection no defects, come for a test drive today! JCI until 30 Sept. 09 Asking \$700 Please Call 614-358-4882

Yokota, Japan - 1992 Subaru Legacy Station Wagon Inexpensive family vehicle for driving on-base. (We don't drive off base and haven't taken it on a long trip. Selling as teen driver doesn't want a station wagon). Tinted, cold A/C, seats 5 rear fold-down for cargo. Some dents/scratches, see picture not fancy, runs OK, new brakes. Road tax paid. JCI until Sep 29 '09 Asking \$700 email yokotajoe88@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan Skyline GTS-T (Turbo) w/ Extra's Nissan Skyline Turbo, with flip out TV/DVD, two monitors in the back, Direct iPod adapter, complete eclipse sound system, cold A/C, aftermarket cold air intake, aftermarket blowout valve, just had a tune up this winter, tires are 3 months old. JCI until Nov.2011 Asking \$2700 OBO Please call 080-5682-6699 or email nardone311@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Nissan Skyline 5-Speed Transmission all weather tires & rims A/C & Heater work great! AM/FM stereo Car runs great JCI until Dec. 2010 Asking \$3000 OBO Call Eduardo or Sarah o 210-881-4403

Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Toyota Aristo w/JCI good until March 2011 road tax paid-4 Door w/Spacious Interior-Automat Transmission-18" Inch Chrome Rims - A/C/H/EAT - C/D Player/Radio-Auto Windows with Remote Lock Doors (all are operational)-Power Passenger and Driver Seat Adjustment Option for Comfy Ride maintenance on car fully accomplished-New Alternator w/1 Year Warranty-New Battery-New Tires w/lots of Thread-New rear wheel bearings for smoother ride JCI until March 2011 need to sell car ASAP and I am willing to negotiate due to 20may2009 PCS Asking \$2200 OBO Please call 949-258-6842 or email mikessalanga@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Toyota Luenda in good shape. We are leaving Yokota. Great van! Seats 8 runs great, clean non smoking-2 sunroofs. Great on gas! Call 720-257-6818 allied 080-3692-0316 cell 940-432-0302 or email eliasmar9@yahoo.com JCI until Feb. 2010 asking \$800

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Century 139,000 KM Black 20" Chrome Rims New Tires Power windows, Power Locks Cruise Control Leather Seats Power Front Seats Power Rear Seats (rear seats heated) Power Rear Rest Heated Seats Massage Rear A/C Road Tax Paid \$4000 OBO Call 216-619-8433 or 080-3632-9822 or email azntensal@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Premio - 4door, 2 year JCI until 09 May 2011. A/C works great! Remote lock, automatic transmission, Power windows, new tires free to test drive Call 080-3241-6736 or email rolan.tuazon@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Sprinter (Corolla) Nice, clean, 4 door sedan. JCI until June 09. Remote lock, automatic transmission. Power locks & power windows. Working A/C and heater, Cassette, and has 60K kilometers (37K miles). Never had any problems with it please call or email to see or if you have any questions. Asking \$1900 443-283-0661; ung.ong@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Honda Odyssey seats 7 w/capitan chairs. Fold away back seats. With sunroof w/moon-roof, 6 disc CD changer, TV turn by turn Navigation system, and proximity sensors in the bumpers AC front and back, all new tires. Complete with all maintenance records and oil changes. JCI until April 10 Asking \$2500 OBO Please call 080-5682-6699 or email nardone311@yahoo.com

Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Nissan Laurel 73,500 km 18" Rims w/ new tires Custom interior Touch screen TV/CD/NAVI Great condition! JCI until July 2010 asking \$3500 Please call 090-3878-2567 or email prestolen@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - 1999 Honda of America 1999 Honda Saber 89,000 kilometers. Very clean inside & out Cold A/C Asking \$3000 OBO Payment plan is ok Call anytime 080-5098-8728/1-646-957-9377 or email csmilninh@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1999 Toyota Corolla White Exterior with Grey Interior 4 Door Radio/CD Player Great Condition Tires replaced November 2008 70462 Kilometers as of 12 May 08 JCI until Oct. 28 2010 Asking \$2500 Please call 305-341-1838 or email chie72@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 95 Honda Odyssey sport & 1995 Honda extra. Great condition, 7 passenger van- Stow away 3rd row, fold up second row for plenty of cargo room- GPS Navigator live VICS traffic info (so you can avoid the Tokyo traffic)- You'll never get lost in Tokyo! Easy to use Navigation is pre-programmed for local U.S. bases. This feature alone is a life saver- TV/DVD combo (sound plays through car speakers, great to keep your kids entertained on long rides)- 12 Disc CD/MP3 changer, JCI until March 2010 asking \$3100 OBO Please call 305-341-1838 or email jmaguado@miami.edu

Yokota, Japan - 95 Skyline R33 GT-R/2 Years JCI 50K Km To me! A P o n s a B (260/260/9.15) Rebuilt head- Greddy springs/HKS stem seals (9,500 red lines)!! Boosted prophesy B spec!! Greedy Controller R34 BB Turbo/steet internals 600cc injectors SARD 235psi fuel pump SARD fuel rail NISMO fuel regulator Essential Auto return ECU Avers -12 carbon fiber trunk Top Secret front bumper/side skirts/carbon bonnet HKS Super Sound BOV Tomei head set N1 Valve pump HKS turbo timer OS Giken twin plate ball bearing clutch & Lightweight flywheel MOMO carbon steering wheel new Greddy timing belt Adjustable cam pulleys 18" Work Emotion rims new rubbers (265/35-18) HID head-lights Auto-meter A-pillar gauge cluster NISMO white-face gauges and owner/great condition! JCI until Jan. 2011 asking \$21,500 OBO Call Dan at 720-257-6847 or email drngilano@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - '95 Toyota Estima Van good condition, AC, Sun/Moon Roof, Seats 7, JCI until Oct. 2010 Asking \$3000 Please call 090-9372-4917 or email dondrias@hotmail.com

Zama - 95's Black Toyota Levin, 47k good condition, 5 speed manual, \$1000/obo. Must sell fast. Camp Zama 263-7815

Build Your Business for As Little As \$21 a week!

Stars and Stripes offers the most effective and affordable way to reach the military community overseas. Ad rates vary depending on the size of your ad and the frequency of insertion. Please contact us for details!

Reach us!

Phone us at:
03-6385-3276 (Commercial)
011-81-3-6385-3276 (Overseas)
229-3276 (Tokyo DSN)
645-7667 (Okinawa DSN)
721-7141 (Korea DSN)

Fax us at:
03-3423-8257 (Tokyo CML)
229-3214 (Tokyo DSN)
02-2270-7141 (Korea CML)
721-7141 (Korea DSN)
645-7667 (Okinawa DSN)

Mail us at:
Unit 45002, APO AP 96337-5002
7-23-17 Roppongi, Minato-ku,
Tokyo 106-0032 Japan

Email us at:
classifieds@pstrips.osd.mil

Deadline to place, cancel, or make any change to an ad is five(5) business days prior to publishing date. If the ad has a typographical error, Pacific Stars and Stripes' liability is to re-run the ad for one (1) additional day on the next available issue date. Any other problem with advertising must be filed in writing no later than ten (10) days after the first insertion of the ad. Ads cannot be run upside down or sideways.

All Classified Advertisements Are Non-refundable

Classified advertising is accepted from DoD personnel (private party ad Classified advertisements) and all organizations which provide a service of interest to the military community (business advertisements). All ads are assessed before acceptance according to the moral and ethical judgment of Pacific Stars and Stripes. Classified advertisements must be acceptable for our general military/family readership. Pacific Stars and Stripes has the right to return any and all ads considered inappropriate for publication.



Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - '97 Toyota Raum Runs Great, New Tires, AC, built in GPS, power windows, power locks, 2 van style rear doors. Great car for around base or traveling throughout the Kanto Plain JCI until Aug. 2010 asking \$3000 Please call 090-9372-4917 or email dondrias@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - A-Tag Size, Yellow Plate 1998 Mazda Scrum Wagon A-Tag size, Yellow Plate Mazda Scrum is just same as every Cheap Insurance and Tax (No Tax for this year, already paid) Great Gas Mileage Very Roomy (If you make rear sheets flat, you can sleep in the car -) Customized, Clear Lens, Lowered, Aftermarket Chrome wheels etc (Wheels & Tires costs almost \$400) Runs great if you want fully 2 years JCI, add \$400. For more information or question, please call me at 090-9825-3805 (Soft Bank User can text me with the number) or e-mail me at yokotajapan73@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Blue with Grey Trim Blue with Grey Trim Sun and Moon Roof Radio/CD Player Tires Replaced November 2008 Good Condition 71,452 Kilometers JCI until Dec 28 2009 Asking \$1000 Please call 313-347-1038 or email chie72@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Mazda RX-7 (FD3S) Black interior, black SCR rims, car runs great, no problems. Upgrades after market exhaust, Greddy black light boost gauge, Kenwood 7 inch motorized screen, Kenwood DVD player, CD player with USB connection for MP3 player or IPODI-Phone. I bought a new car so I must sell ASAP. You can't find a more reasonable price for \$27 anywhere, \$3500 negotiable or \$3000 firm take your pick, Runs great Please call 090-6048-7467 or email dsdx7@yahoo.com

Motorcycles 164

Atsugi - 2008 Suzuki GSXR 1000, US Spec, \$3,000 in upgrades, Yoshimura carbon fiber exhaust, PCIII, 3000k/m, registered in Japan and ready to ride! White/Black \$11,500 OBO 0299-898-9856 or Sgt Broome 090-2902-9895gr

Atsugi, Japan - 1994 Yamaha Dragstar (400cc) UNDER 3000 MILES!!! Cruiser style. Pristine body, new tankwike is black and chrome). Saddle bags. I am the second owner of this motorcycle purchased from Red Baron, 100% dealer maintained, 100% garaged. Starts the first time EVERY time and runs beautifully. A STEAL AT \$3995! Please call George at 080 2063 0239 for more details. Photos on request!

Motorcycles 164

Yokosuka - For Sale, 2004 Harley Davidson FXSTD (Softail Deuce). Pristine condition, only 575 miles! Maintained in the motorcycle garage from day one. Garage included. Only mod installed is a shortissy bar. Asking \$12K or best offer. Call Jeff at 241-2522 or 09061258591.

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Kawasaki Zephyr 400cc. If you are learning to ride and want to start small this is a great beginner bike and loads of fun. Runs smooth and never had a problem with cold winter starts. Comes with cover, Road tax paid and JCI until Nov. 2009 asking \$1500 Please call 407-373-1321 or email kmc424@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Yamaha Dragstar 400cc PRISTINE! Under 3000 MILES! Black/chrome cruiser. Saddle bags included tank. I am the second year dealer of this 100% dealer maintained bike. Has been garaged it entire life! Starts the first time every time and runs beautifully! Perfect for the first year rider. Asking \$2200 or \$3995. Phone number 080 2063 0239 or 264-3198 or email kristin.browns@med.navy.mil for details/photos

Yokota, Japan - 1999 Hayabusa 1300cc Candy Orange paint job, many aftermarket parts added, built 7600.00 before paint job, and adds ones I will throw in 2 helmets, and other various parts, including chrome decals and lights that go under cowls. JCI until 2010 asking \$7500 OBO Serious buyers only please. Please call 080-6671-6612 or email marcus.vlyons@gmail.com Thanks

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Honda X-11 Engine displacement 1100cc good condition JCI until Sept. 2010 asking \$4500 Please call 241-547-9316 or email samuelengler@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 2008 Suzuki GSXR 1000 a US spec motorcycle! It has 3000km/m and it is registered and ready to ride in Japan! \$3,000 in upgrades including power commander (PCIII), carbon fiber Yoshimura exhaust, ASV levers and many more!! JCI until Oct. 2011. Asking \$11500 OBO Must Sell ASAP. If you are a serious buyer, I will negotiate on price. Please call 090-2902-9895 or email dustin.broome@yahoo.com

Motorcycles Wanted 165

Zama - Looking for large motorcycle cover or street storage unit. Also looking for DOT helmet, gloves, and summer gear. Please call Steve at 080-5866-5527.

Auto Parts 180

Yokota, Japan - J-Road GPS Navigation System English language GPS for Japan Set a goal point by address, train station, telephone number; Free Driving or even use it for walking around. Asking \$400 Please call 09093724917 or email dondrias@hotmail.com PCSing Must sell.

Baby Items 200

Misawa, Japan - Pink Graco 6 Speed Musical Swing \$50, Winnie The Pooh Walker \$25, Evenflo PackNPlay \$35, Evenflo Exersaucer \$20, Cosco Infant Travel System (Stroller/Carseat) \$50. More items available. All items like new. Call 616-5239 or email lquinby99@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Joovy Caboose stroller (navy blue/black) the stroller is only 5 mths old. My son has just grown so quickly and the combined weight w/ y daughter getting close to the max weight of 100 lbs. The wheels do squeak sometimes, but a little WD40 will fix it no problem. (This happened once before to us). Asking \$100 Please email sva1514@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Jumperoo and Baby High Chair I have a baby stroller in Japan. The stroller is broken off, otherwise in great condition- we are asking \$20 for it and I have a high chair that goes from infant to toddler and beyond, we are asking \$20. Please email cawan04@hotmail.com or call 3145583462, we are trying to downsize for PCS. Thanks.

Yokota, Japan - Outstanding combi port-a-crib - This Combi-rand portacrib comes w/ bassinet, changing table, built-in vibration music, 8 rollers. It looks absolutely brand new! Perfect condition asking \$95 Please call 1-509-343-0795 or email sprunkmd@comcast.net

Yokota, Japan - Red double Jog Stroller, Made in USA. Selling on behalf; a used good working condition Red Double Jog stroller, originally from USA. Selling for 18,500yen (negotiable) 1st come 1st serve! Deposit half or at least deposit any amount (By Post Office account) to confirm to buy automatically reserved for buyer! Asking \$185 Please call 090-9837-9379

Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - Bloch Girls pink Short Sleeve Leotard Bloch Girls Pink Dance Long Sleeve Leotard. Never been used, Size 12 Paid \$17 + S & H asking for \$10 Call 614-558-4889

John D. Panasiwicz
General Manager

H. Bryant Pierpont
Advertising Manager

Richard Chuckrey
Information Systems Manager

Terry M. Wegner
Accounting Manager

Darian L. Wilson
Marketing Manager

Jack Luersen
Production Manager

Charles D. Winans
Pacific Circulation Manager

VACANT
Commander

CIRCULATION OFFICES

circulation@pstrips.osd.mil

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS:
DSN: 229-3174 CML: (03) 6385-3171

JAPAN:
Yokota/Atsugi/Zama DSN: 225-4505/6/7
Yokohama/Yokosuka DSN: 243-4771
Misawa DSN: 226-3406
Sasebo DSN: 252-3890
Iwakuni DSN: 253-4770

TOKYO HEADQUARTERS:

DSN: 229-3174
CML: (03) 6385-3174

KOREA:

Yongsan DSN: 721-7140
Osan DSN: 784-4393
Taegu DSN: 768-7461
Pusan DSN: 763-7387
Kunsan DSN: 782-7431

OKINAWA:

DSN: 645-2010
CML: (098) 893-0292
FAX DSN: 645-7297
CML: (098) 892-0995

GUAM:

CML: (671) 632-1003

MARKETING:

marketing@pstrips.osd.mil
DSN: 229-3149; CML: (03) 6385-3149
DSN FAX: 229-3132

COMMERCIAL PRINTING:

DSN: 229-3104
CML: (03) 6385-3104

Your Hometown Newspaper
STARS AND STRIPES

Unit 45002, APO AP 96338-5002
7-23-17 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0032 Japan

STRIPE CLASSIFIED

<p>Clothing 320</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Shoes! Pink-roose shoes (\$35), Converse flats with polka dot (\$15), Converse Flats with brown (\$15), All purple pink-roose shoes (\$35), black converse flats (\$20), Rocket dog rainbow/skull shoes (\$15) if you want pictures please e m a i l savannahjost@yahoo.com or call 210-547-9918 Asking \$15-40</p>	<p>Furniture 510</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Entertainment center- able to hold up to a 36" TV with shelves for DVD player, video games, or just to hold movies. Asking \$60 matching side table- asking \$25 asking \$80 for both Please contact me at T_bone281@me.com or at 080-1395-4410</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - gorgeous sofa sleeper Rich burgundy, blue and green plaid has a high back and can go great alone or with other sofa on this site. It also a full-sized Hide-a-Bed, great for occasional guests. Asking \$300 Please call 1-509-343-0795 or email sprunkmd@comcast.net</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Japanese Table w/glass cover Beautiful Japanese table with plum branch-flower carving on top. It comes with a glass cover to prevent scratches and stain Excellent Condition. Please call 1-558-368-6848 or email bderr@armed-svc.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Oriental bar take a look! Oriental bar from the Asian bazaar Paid 1300 has a spinning glass holder and a removable wine rack! Asking \$800 Please e m a i l tkvan6@hotmail.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - (2) Twin Beds with Bedding Set We have two twin beds for sale, with red headboard, mattress, box springs and bedding. The beds come complete with a bedding set that includes sheets, shame bed-skirt. Sorry, we only have one matching comforter for one bed only. The box springs and mattresses are in good condition. Asking \$50 Please call 0428-74-7350 or e m a i l z i m m e r r u s s e l l@gmail.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - beautiful sofa flexsteel sofa is made by the leading name in quality couches, and has a great crown back. I cannot say enough about the top quality manufacturing, but we are ready for a change. Asking \$250 Please call 1-509-343-0795 or e m a i l sprunkmd@comcast.net</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Berklene "TAUPE" Chair w/ recliner absolutely nothing wrong with this! Only selling to downsize our load a bit the Bxtra currently has the matching couch, love-seat, etc. I do know that this set is one of their last selling ones. This is so comfortable, roomy, relaxing. I love our other pieces that we have for this set. This is the Berklene "dream make" reclining chair-Natural Taupe Color. Paid \$580 asking \$400 Please call 916-473-4488 to come take a look in person serious buyers only please! So sorry, I do not have PCS.</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Cockatiel & Small Bird Accessories Bird Cage Wood Tabletop Playpen Heater Bonanza Bird Food Airline Approved Bird Carrier - (12" W x 17" L x 8" H; weighs 3 lbs. Approved by U.S. airlines, this carrier slide easily under airplane seats for a comfortable, affordable way for small to medium parrots to travel in the airline cabin. Asking \$60 Please e m a i l jamerica2002@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Furniture/Appliances 511</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Washing Machine - Overhead Rack Sanyo 4.2kg Washing Machine + Overhead Rack Used but in good condition. Standard Japanese Sanyo. Some slight scratches and minor dents on outside but works like a champ. New hoses, Overhead rack has two storage racks and one clothes line hanging bar. Rack can adjust width to accommodate different size machines or laundry space. The rack itself cost \$40 and the washing machine was \$120. Asking only \$40 for the entire set Please call 090-8478-1050 o r e m a i l japanmissions@gmail.com</p> <p>Household Items 560</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Bathroom Set Great deal! This is all brand new with price tags still attached! Zebra(tan & brown) Bathroom rug 2 Zebra(tan & brown) decorative towel's 1 tan shower curtain 1bamboo trash can 1bamboo soap dispenser and 1 bamboo toothbrush holder. Retail for \$125 We are asking \$60 Please call (949) 258-6890 or email trystalayne00@gmail.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Kitchen Curtains NEW Valance 59 x 11 1/2 inches Curtains (each) 29 1/2 x 37 inches. Bought not realizing my husband had some already, never used or washed, asking \$15 full set please call Rosanne 2108814413</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Martha Stewart 12X12 Fabric Storage Boxes these are great for organizing all your scrapbooking items, arts-n-crafts, toys, etc. I had all my scrapbooking 12X12 paper w/ matching slickers/ribbons, etc inside each one. With the window in front to label, I was able to stay organized. These were really hard to get at the BX, so when my husband was in the states, & w/ the help of my mom going to different stores, they were able to find some. I have 9 of these several solid natural brown colors w/ several solid light blue colors. Paid \$20-\$25 each, asking \$8.00 each, firm. I also have a few bags of scrapbooking items that I put together-If you've ever been to England, Ballerina, New packs of pastel cardstocks, Travel items, Scrapbooks that light up, etc. Please call Angela 916-473-4488</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Organizers (rolling, non-rolling), duffie bag I have a Red/Black Rolling Duffie bag that my husband bought at Big 5 sporting goods for \$40. Only asking \$6.50 I have a clear/sheer blue 3 drawer rolling organizer. This fit perfectly in master bedroom, next to toilet to hold toilet paper, hand towels, etc. You can also use it for organizing toys/crafts, ETC. \$6.50 I also have a matching little organizer-great for 120 accessories/small toys/crafts-\$2.50 Cream color/1-drawer on wheels organizer-fit perfect in upstairs bathroom-u can purchase more at Cainz, Zucchi, Joyful Honda. Crafts/toilet paper/toys/etc. \$4.00 Eddie Bauer Drop Bottom Rolling Duffie bag Woody 090-8478-1050 or e m a i l japanmissions@gmail.com</p>	<p>Home Electronics 570</p> <p>SHA/Zama - 32" Toshiba television. Excellent picture and color. Excellent condition. Working remote. Big TV. Great price \$250.00/OBO. Will deliver to SHA or Camp Zama for FREE! 267-6620 or email at danazdesignz@yahoo.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - 60 GB PS3 backward compatible with 11 games plus WH 60 Gig Backward compatible PS3 with 2 controllers and games in the pictures. Plus rock band with guitar, drums, and microphone! Asking \$60 Please call 614-358-4809 or email tkvan6@hotmail.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Pioneer House speakers for sale. Asking \$80.00 OBO for both speakers Please contact me at T_bone281@me.com or at 090-1395-4410</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - XBOX 360, 8 Games and More! XBOX 360 with hard drive and wireless internet connector. 8 Games included in this offer. Madden 2007, 2008, and 2009 Tiger Woods 2007, MLB 2K7, NCAA Football 07, Perfect Dark Zero, and Grand Theft Auto 4 (must be 17 for this game). Asking \$175 Please call 713-490-0601 or email stepler79@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Musical Instruments 740</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - North Side Housing Awning for sale. Complete with gutter and downspout. 3yrs old. Excellent shape you will need to take down and move. 1051D North Housing Asking \$500 Please call 214-261-6361 or email mneeleey@armed-svc.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - North Side Housing Awning for sale. Complete with gutter and downspout. 3yrs old. Excellent shape you will need to take down and move. 1051D North Housing Asking \$500 Please call 214-261-6361 or email mneeleey@armed-svc.com</p> <p>Pets 820</p> <p>Atsugi - Adorable 11 year old female mix of Husky & Schnauzer, 30 lbs. Silver hair, spayed, good with kids & dogs, healthy. Needs to find a loving home ASAP. USSKITTYTALK-YOKOSUKA@GMAIL.COM</p> <p>Atsugi - His name is Max. He is a whippet, and he is free to a good home. He is approximately 3 years old, and is current on his shots. He is neutered. He is well-behaved, and good with other animals, and children. For pictures, e m a i l : notoryous@hotmail.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - FREE! adult male cat comes with automatic litter box and feeder. Declawed and fixed. Only serious responses please email Katie Viklund s n u g l e b u n n y - 2700@yahoo.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Turtles I have 5 turtles that I got for free and I don't want them anymore. I would like to find a good home for them. If you would like them please let me know. Please call 314-558-3429 or email nskatergir99@aol.com</p>	<p>Pets 820</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - 2 FREE Female Cats Shy-Ann and Natalia are sisters. They are 6 years young and have been micro-chipped, front de-clawed, and spayed (\$600+). They are indoor cats and have not been allowed to be outside. They are very clean and loving. They have been a part of our family since they were 6 weeks old. They have done well with our children. If you are interested, please call for more details. They are available immediately and will go to the base shelter by May 6th if no home is found. They are current on all shots and have records at the base vet clinic. Food bowls, litter box, and 2 kennels are included. They must go together! Please call 713-490-3033 or email gmmmv@aol.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Female Cat Female calico short hair cat. 2 years old. Spayed, front-declaw, micro chipped, shots up to date, indoors only. She is happy to keep to herself, but will enjoy curling up with you on the couch or in bed. Gets along with other animals once she gets familiar with them. Okay with children, but preferably older children. We have a 1 year old who adores her, but we aren't around much to give her all the attention she needs. We are also PCS'ing soon and are facing difficulties with the travel arrangements. Litter box, food dishes, bed, and food included. Please call 090-8477-0979 or email aussiedolphin@hotmail.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Free to a loving home: 3 year old male Dachs-hund. We are looking for a good home for our dog. He is a 3 year old Japanese Dachshund. He's been with our family since he was a puppy. He's neutered, great with other pets and loves kids. He is crate trained. We are PCS'ing to a base that only allows 2 pets per house and we have another dog and a cat. Please contact us 080-6545-9036 or email ploser9@yahoo.com if you are interested in giving our sweet dog a forever home.</p> <p>Zama/SHA - 1 1/2 yr old male MINIATURE Long-haired Dauschund. Great family dog, house trained, good with kids, very lovable. Shots up to date, micro-chipped. \$600 obo - Our son is allergic, so we need to find a new home. email bimidog@yahoo.com for info.</p>	<p>Pet Accessories 822</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Kent marine iron & manganese 64oz brand new never opened, ordered extra great for saltwater tanks "not the actual picture" I have a bigger bottle 64oz Kent Marine Super Chelated Iron Supplement with Manganese provides bio-available iron to all reef inhabitants. Although present in salt mixes, iron is rapidly used up in the system, and removed through precipitation. Super Chelated Iron Supplement supplies needed iron, manganese, potassium and minor trace minerals for proper growth and health of caulerpa, coralline, and other calcareous marine algae, and those invertebrates which have symbiotic algae living in their tissues. It contains a chelated form of iron which will stay available in the system for long periods of time, supplying algae in a timed release fashion, as n Asking \$250 Please call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com</p> <p>Photography 830</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Nikon 55-200 mm Telephoto Lens Nikon Telephoto lens. Fit all Nikon cameras using the AF-i or AF-S lens systems brand new only 1 month old. I need more focal length. Asking \$180 OBO Please call 850-254-9049 or email filiam_dan@yahoo.com</p> <p>Zama - B+W 72mm Slim Circular Polarizer filter. Excellent A++ condition, only taken out about 2 dozen times. It includes special filter cap and case. Asking price is \$75. Contact me at mahimahis_0@hotmail.com</p> <p>Zama - Sigma 50-500mm f/4-6.3 DG APO HSM for Nikon DSLR. Excellent A++++ condition, no scratches, no blemishes, nothing wrong. Very useful 10x zoom. Comes with lens hood, padded case (no strap for case), lens strap, and UV filter. No box and no warranty card. Asking \$950. Regular retail is \$1200. Contact me at mahimahis_0@hotmail.com</p> <p>Sporting Goods 980</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Ping Clone Golf clubs Right Handed set, regular steel shaft, 3-PW over size good start set. Set is in good conditions. Asking \$60 call Eduardo at 210-881-4403</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Taylor Made r7 CGB Max 10.5 Shaft Staff (45g) Used gently for about 1/3 of a season. Haven't been able to play golf because of schedule, so have to sell. Originally bought for \$499 and that's not even including shipping (still have the receipt). Driver has interchangeable weight system for fade or draw bias. Shaft is super light (45g) for those explosive distance comes with head cover and weight set, 10.5 degree stiff shaft selling for \$240 or best offer Please call Miggy! 080-5501-6602</p> <p>Zama - Treadmill speed to 10 MPH, incline to 10%, Step Counter, Fan, Ickle speed, time, distance, calories burned, pulse, heart rate, encode, pace, airsoft cushion deck, Fold Up New \$899, sell \$200 263-7194</p>	<p>Miscellaneous 1040</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Black leather ballet shoes New never been wear. Girls Size 2 asking \$10 Call 614-358-4889.</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Bloch pink leather ballet shoes. Girls split sole, leather with canvas instep ballet slipper. Elasticas are sewed on to X shape. I have 3w and 3 1/2 w but it's really small, so kids 13-1 1/2 never been wear will fit good Paid @23.50 +S&H for each asking \$15 for each Call 614-358-4889.</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Brand New Kawasaki Angle Grinder -4 is -11000 RPM -5.3 amps -2 position reversible side handle -spindle lock for quick and easy wheel change -sliding switch- for extended run applications -3 year warranty asking \$40 Jason home 713-490-0578 cell 080-3251-9808 or email jasonstacieale@hotmail.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Girl's Capezio tap shoes Tapster for young girls in its lineup of quality I have 4 pairs Size 12 1/2, 2, and 3 X2 good conditions. Paid \$23 +S&H Asking for \$10 each or obo Call 614-358-4889</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Jon & Kate Plus Eight DVD Seasons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000</p>
---	--	--	---	--	--	---	--

Sell it.....Free!

Advertise your car, truck, motorcycle, boat, or bicycle in *Stripes* free! No charge! On us!

Up to 7 lines of copy for 21 days - free!

Call Classified today at 229-3276

or email us at classified@petripes.aol.net

Individuals only - no dealers!

Your Stripes. Your Story. Get it Daily.

STARS & STRIPES
classified@stripes.aol.net

Far East soccer

From pools come deep fields

Coaches can't single out a lone title favorite

Stars and Stripes

CAMP WALKER, South Korea — They have scouted and analyzed players and teams to null out tendencies, strengths and weaknesses in the run-up to the playoff rounds in this week's Far East soccer tournaments.

So, just who are the teams to beat?

A sampling of coaches revealed a mixed bag.

"Every team has strengths and weaknesses," coach Ed Thompson of girls Class A host Daegu American said Tuesday as the double-elimination playoffs began at Camp Walker's Kelly Field.

The boys Class A double-elimination round was set to begin Wednesday morning as were the boys and girls Class AA single-elimination playoffs.

In some cases, the usual suspects did well in pool play. Thompson cited the girls Class A, where he says his Warriors, runners-up last year, are in the mix along with pre-tournament favorites Osan American and Matthew C. Perry, plus Taiwan's Morrison Christian Academy.

"Some teams are stronger than I thought," Thompson said, citing Robert D. Edgren's girls, 2-1-1 in

pool play, as an example.

"Edgren and Morrison are solid but don't have that finisher. Sacred Heart is strong defensively, but they don't have striking power. Perry has striking power but is suspect on defense."

The girls Class AA pool-play winners, Zama American and defending champion American School In Japan, clearly stood out on Okinawa, Kadena coach Hoa Nguyen said.

"They're both solid," Nguyen said, pointing to Zama sisters Aubrey and Mallarie Ashliman (40 goals each) and likening them to his own Jen and Dianne Abel of 2003-07. "They read each other like Jen and Dianne, a perfect 1-2 punch."

ASIJ's front line of Ivie Myntti, Laura Ingulsrud and Roxanne Clement entered the playoffs with a combined 41 goals and 23 assists. "And they have the midfielders to get the ball to them. That's unstoppable," Nguyen said.

The boys Class A pool of Global Visions Christian, Nagoya International and defending champion Yongsan International-Seoul was likened to a "group of death" by Perry coach Mark Lange.

He classified that tournament as "pretty wide open" at that

point. "YIS is still one of the favorites, but GVCS is very sound defensively."

Racking up unthinkable numbers on offense, Christian Academy In Japan and Kubasaki took turns steamrolling a boys Class AA opponent by an 11-0 margin. Seoul American coach Billy Ratcliff sees them as the favorites.

"They are very aggressive," Ratcliff said. "They take every 50-50 ball out of the air, they win head balls, they make nice plays, they're very unselfish, they get up the field on offense and back down the field on defense. And they don't quit on any ball."

6 scoreless draws in Class AA girls

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Six scoreless draws were recorded in girls Class AA pool play, a situation that host coach Terry Chumley of Kubasaki — which took part in three of the ties — termed "very unusual."

Playing shortened 24-minute halves had plenty to do with it, she said.

Rain might have played some role, other coaches said, but "it hasn't been too much of a factor," Chumley said. "It hurts the passing teams, but it hasn't been too bad."



GARY CASHMAN/Special to Stars and Stripes

Seoul American goalkeeper Mitchell Lee leaps to make a save against Kubasaki during Tuesday's pool-play match in the Far East Class AA tournament. Kubasaki blanked Seoul 2-0.



GARY CASHMAN/Special to Stars and Stripes

Kubasaki's Jonathan Jackson, left, and Seoul American's Cody Rozier battle for the ball during Tuesday's match, won by Kubasaki.



Edgren's Audrey Haltli, left, boots the ball away from M.C. Perry's Heather Hyson during Tuesday's first-round double-elimination playoff match in the Far East Class A tournament at Kelly Field, Camp Walker, Daegu, South Korea. Perry won the match 4-3.

DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

Far East soccer tournament scoreboard

Boys Class AA

At Falcon Field, Seoul American H.S., and Chosun Field, South Post, Yongsan Garrison, South Korea
Final pool-play standings
(listed in order of playoff seeding)

Pool A						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Kubasaki, Okinawa	4	0	24	2	12	
Guam High	1	3	0	3	27	3
Nile C. Kinnick, Japan	1	3	0	5	12	0

Pool B						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
CAJ	2	0	22	6	8	
Seoul American	1	3	0	5	12	3
Yokota, Japan	0	4	0	2	23	0

Pool C						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Zama American, Japan	3	1	0	10	5	9
Hong Kong Int'l	2	0	2	11	3	8
Kadena, Okinawa	1	2	14	6	5	

Tuesday's summaries
Kubasaki 11, Guam High 0. Goals-Kubasaki, Mitch Shibley 3 (12), Leo Muro 3 (12), Rimar West 2 (11), Travis Zilmer 1 (8), Michael Griffith 1 (2), Ed Balfour 1 (1).

Hong Kong Int'l 5, Zama American 1. Goals-Hong Kong, Hojue Choi 2, Brian Mulcahy 1, Kai Hallberg 1, Jamie Azeotti 1; Zama, Tyler Myers 1 (5).

Christian Academy In Japan 11, Yokota 0. Goals-CAJ 5-0. Goals-CAJ, Leo Kobayashi 3 (21), Shun Serizawa 2 (6), Ryo Fuseya 1 (8), Josiah Trim 1 (4), Wataru Ueno 1 (2), Yusuke Miyoshi 1 (2), Jesse Hino 1 (1), Joseph Oh 1 (1).

Nile C. Kinnick 3, Seoul American 2. Goals-Kinnick, David Krievs 1 (12), John Bogen 1 (5), Elijah Gamble 1 (3); Seoul, John Clark 1 (9), Peter O'Grady 1 (1).

Kadena 9, Guam High 0. Goals-Kadena, Patrick Reynolds 2 (16), Ryan Dang 2 (5), Stanley Schrock 1 (21), Aaron Ahner 1 (14), Bo Jaffer 1 (5), Forrest Bibeaux 1 (2), Dillon Bush 1 (2).

Kubasaki 2, Seoul American 0. Goals-Kubasaki, Mitch Shibley 1 (13), Rimar West 1 (12).

Zama American 2, Yokota 0. Goals-Zama, Spenser Clark 1 (15), Tyler Myers 1 (6).

Hong Kong Int'l 4, Nile C. Kinnick 0. Goals-Hong Kong, Tyler Leung 1, Brian Arawawela 1, Kai Hallberg 1, Dreyfus Koo 1.

Christian Academy In Japan 4, Kadena 4. Goals-Kadena 3-2. Goals-CAJ, Leo Kobayashi 2 (23), Ryo Fuseya 1 (9), Josiah Trim 1 (5); Kadena, Stanley Schrock 2 (23), Ryan Dang 2 (7).

Single-elimination playoffs

Wednesday's matches

Match 1-Yokota vs. Kadena, 9:30 a.m.
Match 2-CAJ vs. Kinnick, 11:30 a.m.
Match 3-Zama vs. Seoul American, 1:30 p.m.

Match 4-Guam High vs. Hong Kong International, 3:30 p.m.
Match 5-Match 1 winner vs. Kubasaki, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday's matches

Match 9-Match 1 loser vs. Match 2 loser, 9:30 a.m.

Match 10-Match 4 loser vs. Match 5 loser, 11:30 a.m.

Match 6-Match 2 winner vs. Match 3 winner, 1:30 p.m.

Match 7-Match 4 winner vs. Match 5 winner, 3:30 p.m.

Match 11-Match 3 loser vs. Match 9 winner, 5:30 p.m.

Friday's matches

Match 12-Match 10 loser vs. Match 11 loser, 9 a.m., seventh place

Match 13-Match 10 winner vs. Match 11 winner, 11 a.m., fifth place

Match 14-Match 6 loser vs. Match 7 loser, 1 p.m., third place

Match 8-Match 6 winner vs. Match 7 winner, 3 p.m., championship

Girls Class AA

At Mike Petty Stadium and Upper Field, Kubasaki H.S., Camp Foster, Okinawa
Final pool-play standings
(listed in order of playoff seeding)

Pool A						
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Zama American, Japan	4	0	1	17	1	13
Kubasaki, Okinawa	2	0	3	5	0	9
Faith, Philippines	2	2	1	8	3	7
Guam High	2	3	0	5	9	6
Seoul American	1	2	2	1	5	5
CAJ	0	4	1	1	19	1

Tuesday's summaries

Zama American 2, Faith Academy 1. Goals-Zama, Kristen Dulay 1 (7), Saki Johnson 1 (5); Faith, Grace Fern 1.

Guam High 1, Seoul American 0. Goals-Guam High, Megan Speck 1 (14).

Seoul American 0, CAJ 0. Goals-Seoul, Ashley Witt 1 (2).

Zama American 8, CAJ 0. Goals-Zama 3-0. Goals-Zama, Mallarie Ashliman 3 (40), Aubrey Ashliman 2 (40), Rachel Walls 1 (11), Kristen Dulay 1 (5), Yuri Fisher 1 (5).

Kubasaki 3, Guam High 0. Goals-Kubasaki, Rina Ihu 1 (6), Maya Lowe 1 (5), Cait Frandsen 1 (4).

Pool B

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
ASIJ, Japan	4	0	0	10	0	12
Nile C. Kinnick, Japan	1	1	2	3	1	5
Yokota, Japan	1	1	2	2	2	5
Kadena, Okinawa	1	1	2	4	3	5
John F. Kennedy, Guam	0	4	0	0	13	0

Tuesday's summaries

Nile C. Kinnick 3, John F. Kennedy 0. Goals-Kinnick, Megan Pomeroy 1 (14), Yasmine Espree 1 (8), Mary Niemeyer 1 (2).

Kadena 1, Yokota 1. Goals-Kadena, Cassie McDonald 1 (20); Yokota, Jennifer Black 1 (20).

Kadena 3, John F. Kennedy 0. Goals-Kadena, Cassie McDonald 1 (21), Kristie Karibian 1 (18), Stephanie Mobley 1 (4).

American School In Japan 1, Kinnick 0. Goals-ASIJ, Roxanne Clement 1 (16).

American School In Japan 1, Yokota 0. Goals-ASIJ 1-0. Goal-ASIJ, Julie Keese 1 (1).

Single-elimination playoffs

Wednesday's matches

Match 1-JFK vs. CAJ, 8 a.m.

Match 2-Yokota vs. Guam High, 8 a.m.

Match 3-Seoul American vs. Kadena, 10 a.m.

Match 4-Kinnick vs. Faith, 10 a.m.

Match 5-Match 1 winner vs. Zama, noon

Match 6-Match 2 winner vs. Kubasaki, noon

Match 7-Match 3 winner vs. ASIJ, 2 p.m.

Thursday's matches

Match 8-Match 1 loser vs. Match 2 loser, 8 a.m.

Match 9-Match 3 loser vs. Match 4 loser, 8 a.m.

Match 10-Match 6 loser vs. Match 7 loser, 10 a.m.

Match 11-Match 4 winner vs. Match 5 winner, 10 a.m.

Match 12-Match 6 winner vs. Match 7 winner, noon

Match 13-Match 8 winner vs. Match 9 winner, noon

Match 14-Match 5 loser vs. Match 10 winner, 2 p.m.

Match 15-Match 8 loser vs. Match 9 loser, 2 p.m.

Friday's matches

Match 16-Match 8 loser vs. Match 10 loser, 9 a.m.

Match 17-Match 9 loser vs. Match 10 loser, 11 a.m.

Match 18-Match 13 loser vs. Match 14 loser, 9 a.m., seventh place

Match 19-Match 13 winner vs. Match 14 winner, 11 a.m., fifth place

Match 20-Match 11 loser vs. Match 12 loser, 1 p.m., third place

Match 21-Match 11 winner vs. Match 12 winner, 3 p.m., championship

SEE FAR EAST ON PAGE 25

FAR EAST, FROM PAGE 24

Boys Class A

At Penny Lake Fields 1 and 2,
Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan
Final pool-play standings
(listed in order of playoff seeding)

Pool A	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
E.J. King, Japan	3	0	1	15	3	19
Osan, South Korea	2	0	2	10	8	17
Edgren, Japan	2	2	0	8	8	13
Korea International	0	2	2	3	8	5
Korea Kent Foreign	0	3	1	4	13	5

Tuesday's summaries

E.J. King 2, Osan American 2
Halftime-E.J. King 1-0. Goals-E.J. King,
Jon-Jon Green 2 (18); Osan, Derek Becker
1 (20), Eugene So 1 (9).

Edgren 1, Korea International 0
Halftime-0-0. Goal-Edgren, Brandon
Massie 1 (22).

Osan American 2, Korea Kent Foreign 1
Halftime-1-1. Goals-Osan, Derek Becker
1 (21), Eugene So 1 (10); KKFS, Danny
Park 1.

E.J. King 3, Korea International 0
Halftime-E.J. King 1-0. Goals-E.J. King,
Jon-Jon Green 1 (19), Ronnie Cardona 1
(12), Jeremy Ruelos 1 (5).

Robert D. Edgren 4, Korea Kent Foreign 1
Halftime-1-1. Goals-Edgren, Brandon
Massie 2 (24), Cheston Nuriel-Dacalio 2
(2); KKFS, Peter Moon 1.

Pool B	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
YIS-Seoul	3	1	0	13	1	8
Global Visions, S. Korea	2	0	2	7	4	15
Nagoya Int'l, Japan	2	1	1	7	7	14
M.C. Perry, Japan	1	2	1	5	9	8
Daegu, South Korea	0	4	0	4	15	4

Tuesday's summaries

Nagoya Int'l 3, Daegu American 1
Halftime-NIS 2-0. Goals-NIS, Kubo
1, Nakamura 1, Ando 1; Daegu, Patrick
Buehl 1 (1).

Matthew C. Perry 1, Global Visions 1
Halftime-1-1. Goals-Perry, Justin Clem-
ent 1 (10); GVCs, Sung Kim 1.

YIS-Seoul 6, Daegu American 0
Halftime-YIS-Seoul 4-0. Goals-YIS-
Seoul, Ted Kim 2 (7), David Kim 1 (20),
Eduardo Mateos 1 (9), Yoren Byun 1 (3),
Jeongmin Huh 1 (2).

Nagoya International 2, Global Visions 2
Halftime-1-1. Goals-NIS, Nakamura 1,
Yoshida 1; GVCs, Shin Won 1, Jun Yang 1.

YIS-Seoul 4, Matthew C. Perry 0
Halftime-YIS-Seoul 2-0. Goals-YIS-
Seoul, Daniel Cho 2 (6), Jonathan Park 1
(15), Woojin Kim 1 (7).

Double-elimination playoffs

Wednesday's matches

Match 1-Matthew C. Perry vs. Korea
Kent Foreign, 8 a.m.

Match 2-Korea Int'l vs. Daegu, 8 a.m.

Match 3-Global Visions Christian vs.
Edgren, 9:30 a.m.

Match 4-Osan vs. Nagoya Int'l, 9:30
a.m.

Match 5-Match 1 winner vs. E.J. King,
11 a.m.

Match 6-Match 2 winner vs. Yongsan
International-Seoul, 11 a.m.

Match 7-Match 2 loser vs. Match 3
loser, 12:30 p.m.

Match 8-Match 1 loser vs. Match 4
loser, 12:30 p.m.

Match 9-Match 5 loser vs. Match 7
winner, 3:30 p.m.

Match 10-Match 6 loser vs. Match 8
winner, 3:30 p.m.

Match 11-Match 3 winner vs. Match 5
winner, 5 p.m.

Match 12-Match 4 winner vs. Match 6
winner, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday's matches

Match 13-Match 10 winner vs. Match
11 loser, 8 a.m.

Match 14-Match 9 winner vs. Match 12
loser, 8 a.m.

Match 15-Match 11 winner vs. Match
12 winner, 9:30 a.m.

Match 16-Match 13 winner vs. Match
14 winner, 11 a.m.

Match 17-Match 15 loser vs. Match 16
winner, 12:30 p.m.

Match 18-Match 15 winner vs. Match
17 winner, 2 p.m.

Match 19-Match 15 winner vs. Match
17 winner if Match 15 winner loses Match
18, 3:30 p.m.

Girls Class A

At Soldiers Field, Camp Carroll, Kelly
Field, Camp Walker, and Victory Field,
Camp Henry, South Korea
Double-elimination playoffs

Tuesday's matches

Match 1-Yongsan International-Seoul
5, Global Visions Christian, South Korea,
0

Match 2-Morrison Christian Academy,
Taiwan, 1, International School of the Sa-
cred Heart, Japan, 0

Match 3-Matthew C. Perry, Japan, 4,
Robert D. Edgren, Japan, 3

Match 4-Daegu American, South Ko-
rea, 4, Korea International 0

Match 5-Osan American, South Korea,
4, YIS-Seoul 0

Match 6-Daegu 2, Morrison 1, SO (3-1)

Match 7-M.C. Perry 3, Osan 2

Wednesday's matches

Match 8-Global Visions vs. Korea In-
ternational, 9 a.m.

Match 9-YIS-Seoul vs. Edgren, 11 a.m.

Match 10-ISSH vs. Match 8 winner, 1
p.m.

Match 11-Daegu vs. M.C. Perry, 3 p.m.

Match 12-Morrison vs. Match 9 win-
ner, 5 p.m.

Match 13-Osan vs. Match 10 winner, 7
p.m.

Thursday's matches

Match 14-Match 12 winner vs. Match
13 winner, 7 a.m.

Match 15-Match 11 loser vs. Match 14
winner, 10 a.m.

Match 16-Match 11 winner vs. Match
15 winner, 1:30 p.m.

Match 17-Match 11 winner vs. Match
15 winner if Match 11 winner loses Match
16, 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday's summaries

YIS-Seoul 5, Global Visions Christian 0

Halftime-YIS-Seoul 2-0. Goals-YIS-
Seoul, Annette Umori 3 (5), Gina Choi 1
(1), Selena Portillo 1 (1).

Morrison Christian Academy 1, ISSH 0

Halftime-0-0. Goal-MCA, Siara Stacey
1.

Daegu American 4, Korea International 0

Halftime-Daegu 2-0. Goals-Daegu,
Sara Wright 3 (8), Angie Robinet 1 (14).

Matthew C. Perry 4, Robert D. Edgren 3

Halftime-2-2. Goals-Perry, Karla Stroud
3 (46), Danielle Dobson 1 (31); Edgren,
Audrey Haltli 2 (3), Ashley Hawkins 1 (5).

Osan 4, Yongsan International-Seoul 0

Halftime-Osan 2-0. Goals-Osan, Bria
Pressley 1 (26), Stephanie McDole 1 (10),
Angela Frisby 1 (10), Linda Clinton 1 (3).

Daegu 2, Morrison 1, SO (3-1)

Halftime-Daegu 1-0. End of regula-
tion-1-1. End of first overtime-1-1. End of
second overtime-1-1. Regulation goals-

Daegu, Angie Robinet 1 (15); MCA, Elaine
Knutson 1. Shootout-Daegu, Gulee Kwon,
Angie Robinet, Linda Martinez; MCA, Ja-
reena Kimmell (miss), Na Ra Lee (miss),
Siara Stacey, Megan Dwight (miss).

Matthew C. Perry 3, Osan American 2

Halftime-Perry 2-1. Goals-Perry, Karla
Stroud 2 (48), Heather Hyson 1 (9); Osan,
Bria Pressley 1 (27), Angela Frisby 1 (11).



Nile C. Kinnick's
Chris Del Toro, right,
and Seoul American's
Joe Han battle for the ball
during Tuesday's pool-play
match in the DODDS-Pacific
Far East High School Boys
Class AA Soccer Tournament
at Seoul American High School,
South Post, Yongsan Garrison,
South Korea. Kinnick edged
Seoul 3-2.

GARY CASHMAN/Special to Stars and Stripes

REVISION IS PROUD TO BE 100%

100%
Dedicated to the research and development of
Mission Critical Eyewear.

100%
Committed to delivering the optimum solutions
for every mission.

100%
Made in the U.S.A. to protect American troops
around the world.

"I have been wearing various goggles throughout
my 24 years of Military Service. These are
definitely the best that I have had the opportunity
to wear. They are incredibly clear & offer a wider
field-of-view. They work well with NVGs also.
During strenuous training and without treating
them, the lenses did not fog up. These seal really
well, no problems with debris entering the sides
during high winds or A/C work. Great... absolutely
the best...!"

— Gunnery SGT, E.F.

DESERT LOCUST® GOGGLE
NSN 4240-01-547-6218 (FOLIAGE GREEN)

BE REVISION READY.™

WWW.REVISIONREADY.COM

REVISION®
MISSION CRITICAL EYEWEAR®

©2009 REVISION EYEWEAR LTD., 7 CORPORATE DRIVE, ESSEX JUNCTION, VT 05452 REVISION®, DESERT LOCUST®, MISSION CRITICAL EYEWEAR® AND BE REVISION READY™ ARE TRADEMARKS OF REVISION EYEWEAR LTD.

SCOREBOARD

Correction

A May 20 headline should have said Edgren High School's girls soccer team was starting an improbable journey.

Sports on AFN

Thursday

AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—MLB: Philadelphia at Cincinnati.
AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 1, Orlando at Cleveland.

AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLB: N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers.

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis (dld).

AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 1, Orlando at Cleveland (dld).

Friday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—MLB: Texas at Detroit.

AFN-Xtra, 8:30 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 2, Carolina at Pittsburgh (dld).

AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 2, Denver at L.A. Lakers.

AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLB: L.A. Angels at Seattle.

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference finals, Game 2, Carolina at Pittsburgh (dld).

AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference finals, Game 2, Denver at L.A. Lakers (dld).

AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.—MLB: Milwaukee at Houston (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.yafn.net for more information.

Pro soccer

MLS

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	3	0	6	15	16	11
D.C. United	3	1	6	15	17	15
Kansas City	4	4	2	14	14	12
Toronto FC	3	3	4	13	13	15
New England	2	2	4	10	7	13
New York	2	5	3	9	10	12
Columbus	1	2	6	9	12	15

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chivas USA	7	1	2	23	14	6
Seattle FC	4	2	3	15	12	6
Colorado	3	2	3	12	11	9
Houston	3	2	3	12	8	6
Real Salt Lake	3	5	1	10	14	13
Los Angeles	1	7	10	11	11	11
San Jose	1	5	2	5	8	16
FC Dallas	1	6	2	5	8	16

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

New England at Toronto FC
 Real Salt Lake at D.C. United
 CD Chivas USA at Kansas City
 Los Angeles at FC Dallas
 San Jose at Houston
 Seattle FC at Colorado

Sunday's game

Chicago at New York

Wednesday, May 27

San Jose at Columbus

Thursday, May 28

Chicago at Chivas USA

Saturday, May 30

Colorado at New York

D.C. United at New England

Toronto FC at Houston

Columbus at Seattle

Kansas City at Los Angeles

Real Salt Lake at San Jose

Sunday, May 31

FC Dallas at Chicago

WPS

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	4	1	2	14	7	2
Boston	3	2	2	11	9	9
FC Gold Pride	3	3	1	10	8	8
Chicago	2	2	2	8	6	4
Washington	1	2	3	6	10	13
Saint Louis	1	2	2	5	4	6
Sky Blue FC	1	3	2	5	3	5

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Sky Blue FC at Washington

Sunday's game

Los Angeles at FC Gold Pride

Saturday, May 30

Saint Louis at Los Angeles

Sunday, May 31

FC Gold Pride at Washington

Boston at Sky Blue FC

AP spotlight

May 21

1979 — The Montreal Canadiens win their 21st Stanley Cup by beating the New York Rangers 4-1 in Game 5.

College baseball

Collegiate Baseball poll

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through May 17, points and previous ranking. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors.

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. U.C. Irvine	40-12	490	1
2. Louisiana St.	41-15	487	2
3. Arizona St.	41-11	485	3
4. North Carolina	41-14	483	4
5. Cal. St. Fullerton	38-14	481	5
6. Texas	38-12-1	479	6
7. Florida St.	40-14	478	7
8. Mississippi	40-15	473	13
9. Florida	38-18	470	11
10. Oklahoma	40-16	467	20
11. Rice	35-15	464	9
12. Alabama	37-17	462	10
13. Clemson	39-17	459	17
14. Georgia Tech.	34-15-1	458	8
15. Missouri	32-23	457	14
16. Miami, Fla.	35-18	453	21
17. Louisville	40-14	450	28
18. East Carolina	41-15	446	30
19. Texas Christian	35-14	443	23
20. South Carolina	37-19	441	—
21. Virginia	39-12-1	439	12
22. Kansas St.	39-15-1	437	18
23. Ohio St.	39-15	434	—
24. Minnesota	35-15	433	24
25. Cal Poly	35-17	430	22
26. Coastal Carolina	42-13	428	—
27. Washington St.	28-22	426	—
28. Missouri St.	32-19	425	—
29. Texas St.	38-14	423	25
30. George Mason	40-10	420	29

Baseball America top 25

DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through May 17 and previous ranking (voting by the staff of Baseball America):

	Record	Pvs
1. UC Irvine	40-12	1
2. Louisiana State	41-14	2
3. Arizona State	41-11	3
4. Cal State Fullerton	38-14	5
5. Texas	38-12	6
6. North Carolina	41-14	8
7. Mississippi	40-15	9
8. Oklahoma	40-16	15
9. Florida	38-18	13
10. Texas Christian	35-14	14
11. Rice	35-15	4
12. Florida State	40-14	17
13. Clemson	39-17	19
14. Georgia Tech	34-15	7
15. East Carolina	41-15	20
16. Virginia	39-12	10
17. Kansas State	39-15	11
18. Alabama	37-17	12
19. Cal Poly	35-17	18
20. Louisville	40-14	23
21. Minnesota	35-15	21
22. Elon	37-14	22
23. Miami	35-18	24
24. Missouri	32-23	25
25. South Carolina	37-19	NR

College lacrosse

NCAA Men's Division I

Championship

First Round

Saturday, May 9

Johns Hopkins 12, Brown 11, OT

North Carolina 15, UMB 13

Cornell 11, Hofstra 8

Duke 14, Navy 5

Sunday, May 10

Maryland 7, Notre Dame 3

Virginia 18, Villanova 6

Princeton 10, Massachusetts 7

Syracuse 11, Siena 4

Quarterfinals

Saturday, May 16

At Hempstead, N.Y.

Syracuse 11, Maryland 6

Cornell 6, Princeton 4

Semifinals

Sunday, May 17

At Annapolis, Md.

Virginia 19, Johns Hopkins 8

Duke 12, North Carolina 11

At Gillette Stadium

Foxborough, Mass.

Saturday, May 23

Syracuse (14-2) vs. Duke (15-3)

Virginia (15-2) vs. Cornell (12-3)

Championship

Sunday, May 25

Semifinal winners

College softball

NCAA Division I tournament

SUPER REGIONALS

(Best-of-three)

Second team listed is home team

At UGA Softball Stadium

Athens, Ga.

Thursday: Ohio State (47-9) vs. Georgia (42-10)

Friday: Georgia vs. Ohio State

Friday: Ohio State vs. Georgia*

At Boyd & Jill Smith Family Stadium

Stanford, Calif.

Thursday: Arizona (44-14) vs. Stanford (47-9)

Friday: Stanford vs. Arizona

Friday: Arizona vs. Stanford*

At Alabama Softball Complex

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Friday: Jacksonville State (42-13) vs. Alabama (50-9)

Saturday: Alabama vs. Jacksonville State

Saturday: Jacksonville State vs. Alabama*

At Wilpon Softball Complex

Ann Arbor, Mich.

Friday: Baylor (40-20) vs. Michigan (44-10)

Saturday: Michigan vs. Baylor

Saturday: Baylor vs. Michigan*

At Alberta B. Farington Softball Stadium

Tempe, Ariz.

Friday: North Dakota State (38-18) vs. Arizona State (44-17)

Saturday: Arizona State vs. North Dakota State

Saturday: North Dakota State vs. Arizona State*

At Shirley Clements Mewborn Field

Atlanta

Saturday: Washington (45-10) vs. Georgia Tech (44-13)

Sunday: Georgia Tech vs. Washington

Sunday: Washington vs. Georgia Tech*

At Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium

Gainesville, Fla.

Saturday: California (38-18) vs. Florida (58-3)

Sunday: Florida vs. California

Sunday: California vs. Florida*

At Easton Stadium

Los Angeles

Saturday: Missouri (48-9) vs. UCLA (44-9)

Sunday: UCLA vs. Missouri

Sunday: Missouri vs. UCLA*

* if necessary

Golf

World ranking

Through May 17

1. Tiger Woods	USA	9.64
2. Phil Mickelson	USA	8.36
3. Sergio Garcia	Esp	6.67
4. Henrik Stenson	Swe	6.33
5. Geoff Ogilvy	Aus	6.28
6. Kenny Perry	USA	5.75
7. Paul Casey	Eng	5.64
8. Padraig Harrington	Ir	5.19
9. Vijay Singh	SAF	5.16
10. Camilo Villegas	Col	4.86
11. Robert Karlsson	Swe	4.50
12. Sean O'Hair	USA	4.48
13. Steve Stricker	USA	4.39
14. Jim Furyk	USA	4.32
15. Anthony Kim	USA	4.01
16. Lee Westwood	Esp	3.86
17. Ernie Els	SAF	3.77
18. Ian Poulter	Eng	3.74
19. Zach Johnson	USA	3.65
20. Rory McIlroy	Nir	3.61
21. Angel Cabrera	Arg	3.48
22. Mike Weir	Can	3.44
23. Retief Goosen	SAF	3.34
24. Luke Donald	Eng	3.30
25. Martin Kaymer	Ger	3.24
26. Stewart Cink	USA	3.20
27. Justin Leonard	USA	3.05
28. Alvaro Quiros	Esp	2.94
29. Nick Watney	USA	2.94
30. Robert Allenby	Aus	2.88
31. Tim Clark	SAF	2.87
32. Adam Scott	Aus	2.82
33. Ben Curtis	USA	2.81
34. Shingo Katayama	Jpn	2.81
35. Miguel Angel Jimenez	Esp	2.76
36. Jeev Milkha Singh	Ind	2.74
37. K.J. Choi	Kor	2.73
38. Justin Rose	Eng	2.73
39. Scott Fisher	Eri	2.71
40. Trevor Immelman	SAF	2.61
41. Chad Campbell	USA	2.52
42. Oliver Wilson	Eng	2.49
43. Rory Sabbatini	SAF	2.44
44. Hunter Mahan	USA	2.41
45. Soren Kjeldsen	Den	2.36

TANK McNAMARA



Deals

Monday's transactions

BASEBALL

American League

DETROIT TIGERS—Announced RHP Juan Rincon refused his outright assignment and elected free agency.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed RHP Dan Giese on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 16. Recalled LHP Gio Gonzalez from Sacramento (PCL).

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Placed RHP Matt Daley on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of RHP Joel Peralta from Colorado Springs (PCL). Designated RHP Steven Register for assignment.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Purchased the contract of RHP Brian Sanchez from New Orleans (PCL). Designated LHP John Koronka for assignment.

NEW YORK METS—Activated RHP Tim Lincecum from the 15-day DL. Designated RHP Nelson Figueroa for assignment.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Placed INF Ramon Martinez on the 15-day DL. Placed INF Alex Cora on the 15-day DL.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with C Paul Bako on a minor league contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Claimed RHP Steven Jackson off waivers from the N.Y. Yankees. Released RHP Jimmy Barthmaier.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Placed LHP Scott Olsen on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 17. Recalled LHP Ross Detwiler from Harrisburg (EL).

Practice makes perfect for Pens

Off-benched players lift Pittsburgh to victory in Game 1

By ALAN ROBINSON
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Philippe Boucher and Miroslav Satan go to the arena not knowing if they'll even get to play.

Such uncertainty creates pressure during the playoffs, when one mistake on a single shift by a player who may have sat out for weeks can undo all the work a team does for eight months.

Boucher deals with it by doing lap after lap at the practice rink — so many, it's almost as if he's a speedskater rather than an NHL player.

All that seemingly inconsequential practicing made a difference as Boucher scored a goal and set up another as the Penguins won Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals, holding off the Carolina Hurricanes for a 3-2 victory on Monday night.

"I guess doing the laps was worth it," said Boucher, who scored his first playoff goal since April 12, 2004.

Boucher dressed for only four of the Penguins' first 13 playoff games but, because Sergei Gonchar is playing on an injured right knee, coach Dan Bylsma stayed with the alignment of 12 forwards and seven defensemen he used late in the second-round series against Washington. Boucher is seventh and last on the depth chart.

During a game in which goaltenders Marc-Andre Fleury of Pittsburgh and Cam Ward of Carolina made key save after key save, depth made the difference for Pittsburgh as Carolina dropped Game 1 for the third consecutive series.

"He's been ready, he stayed ready and worked hard," Bylsma said of Boucher, who sat out most of the second half of the season following foot surgery. "He didn't get a lot of minutes, but when he did he cashed in."

Satan, who fell so far out of favor that he spent the final month of the regular season in the minors, and Evgeni Malkin scored less



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Pittsburgh's Miroslav Satan, left, switches to the backhand Monday on a first-period goal against Carolina goalie Cam Ward during Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals.

than 90 seconds apart to make it 2-0 near the midpoint of the second period.

Satan came out of the penalty box and scored off Matt Cooke's up-ice pass, his first playoff goal in more than two years. Boucher set up Malkin's seventh goal of the playoffs, a backhand shot that got past Ward.

"They stayed really focused and worked really hard and then when they did get the opportunity they were ready," defenseman Brooks Orpik said of Boucher and Satan. "I think everybody in the locker room was re-

ally, really happy for those two guys."

Before the two quick goals, Fleury prevented Carolina from taking the lead by making a succession of difficult saves, many from in close.

"We didn't get the start we wanted to," said Penguins captain Sidney Crosby, who leads the playoffs with 22 points but was limited to one assist. "They got some quality chances early on. Usually when you're at home, you're not talking about weathering the storm, but he (Fleury) did that for us."

Stars: Howard has had tougher road in playoffs

STARS, FROM BACK PAGE

league's defensive player of the year, now deeper in the playoffs than ever before, is beginning to understand what he needs to block out and what he needs to embrace.

"He holds himself to a pretty high standard," Magic general manager Otis Smith said. "He's learning a lot. It's the postseason. Things are going to happen. You learn by experience, and some things he still has to learn. That's the playoffs."

James, on the contrary, has yet to experience adversity of any sort in these playoffs. He and the Cavaliers are 8-0, with all eight victories coming by 10 points or more. It's been easy so far, but James and his teammates have been through enough end-of-the-year drama to know tougher times are ahead.

"It's going to be a tough series," Cavs center Zdrunas Ilgauskas said. "I wouldn't be surprised if it goes all seven games."

As an outside observer, James viewed Howard's comments about Van Gundy as signs of the center's development and frustration.



KIN CHEUNG/AP photo

The Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard, left, fights for the ball with the Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James during a 2007 exhibition game in Macau. Howard and James will meet in the playoffs for the first time.

"If he's the leader of the team, he has a right to call out some things as wrong," James said. "I didn't see it as a bad. There are always ways to handle situations like that, and he didn't do it the

NBA playoffs
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-seven)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Cleveland vs. Orlando
Wednesday: Orlando at Cleveland
Friday: Orlando at Cleveland
Sunday: Cleveland at Orlando
Tuesday, May 26: Cleveland at Orlando
Thursday, May 28: Orlando at Cleveland
Saturday, May 30: Cleveland at Orlando
Monday, June 1: Orlando at Cleveland
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. Lakers vs. Denver
Tuesday: Denver at L.A. Lakers
Thursday: Denver at L.A. Lakers
Saturday: L.A. Lakers at Denver
Monday, May 25: L.A. Lakers at Denver
Wednesday, May 27: Denver at L.A. Lakers
Friday, May 29: L.A. Lakers at Denver
Sunday, May 31: Denver at L.A. Lakers
* — if necessary

right way — maybe. But they still won the series and learned from that situation."

The Cavaliers intend to rely on their lessons after going 1-2 against the Magic during the regular season. Cleveland suffered its worst loss, 116-87, at Orlando on April 3. The 29-point setback was humbling for the Cavs, who contained Howard (20 points, 11 rebounds) but couldn't stop Or-

lando's outside game as the Magic made 13 of 27 three-pointers.

While Cleveland's defensive game plan will focus on limiting Orlando's looks, Howard can't be ignored. Under assistant coach Patrick Ewing's care, Howard's offensive game has blossomed.

"Before he was just a shot blocker, somebody who would just clog the lane, dunk the ball and that was pretty much it," Cavs forward Joe Smith said. "Now he's developing his game and his footwork and that's only going to make him a tougher player to guard."

Like James and Howard, Smith was the first player selected in the draft. The 14-year veteran appreciates the pressure of those enormous expectations and has been impressed with how the young All-Stars have handled their early success. Smith hasn't played with Howard, but sees him as being very similar to James.

"He seems like a joy to be around," Smith said. "Like I say about LeBron, when your leader is that way, everybody feeds off him and wants to go out there and perform up to or over your level."

NHL scoreboard

Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston 4, Montreal 0
Boston 4, Montreal 2
Boston 5, Montreal 1
Boston 4, Montreal 2
Boston 4, Montreal 1
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
N.Y. Rangers 4, Washington 3
N.Y. Rangers 1, Washington 0
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 0
N.Y. Rangers 2, Washington 1
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 0
Washington 5, N.Y. Rangers 3
Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Carolina 4, New Jersey 3
Carolina 2, New Jersey 1, OT
New Jersey 3, Carolina 2, OT
Carolina 4, New Jersey 3
New Jersey 1, Carolina 0
Carolina 4, New Jersey 0
Carolina 4, New Jersey 3

Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 2

Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 2, OT
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 3
Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 1
Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 0
Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Anaheim 4, San Jose 2

Anaheim 2, San Jose 0
Anaheim 3, San Jose 2
San Jose 4, Anaheim 3
Anaheim 4, San Jose 0
San Jose 3, Anaheim 2, OT
Anaheim 4, San Jose 1

Detroit 4, Columbus 0

Detroit 4, Columbus 0
Detroit 4, Columbus 1
Detroit 6, Columbus 5

Vancouver 4, St. Louis 0

Vancouver 2, St. Louis 1
Vancouver 3, St. Louis 0
Vancouver 3, St. Louis 2
Vancouver 3, St. Louis 2, OT

Chicago 4, Calgary 2

Chicago 3, Calgary 2, OT
Chicago 3, Calgary 2
Calgary 4, Chicago 2
Calgary 6, Chicago 4
Chicago 5, Calgary 1
Chicago 4, Calgary 1

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Carolina 4, Boston 3

Boston 4, Carolina 1
Carolina 3, Boston, 0
Carolina 3, Boston 2, OT
Carolina 4, Boston 1
Boston 4, Carolina 2
Carolina 3, Boston 2, OT

Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3

Washington 3, Pittsburgh 2
Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2, OT
Pittsburgh 5, Washington 3
Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3, OT
Washington 5, Pittsburgh 4, OT
Pittsburgh 6, Washington 2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit 4, Anaheim 3

Detroit 3, Anaheim 2
Anaheim 4, Detroit 3, 3OT
Anaheim 2, Detroit 1
Detroit 6, Anaheim 3
Detroit 4, Anaheim 1
Anaheim 2, Detroit 1
Detroit 4, Anaheim 3

Chicago 4, Vancouver 2

Vancouver 5, Chicago 3
Chicago 6, Vancouver 3
Vancouver 3, Chicago 1
Chicago 2, Vancouver 1
Chicago 4, Vancouver 2
Chicago 7, Vancouver 5

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Carolina vs. Pittsburgh

Monday: Pittsburgh 3, Carolina 2, Pittsburgh leads series 1-0
Thursday: Carolina at Pittsburgh
Saturday: Pittsburgh at Carolina
Tuesday, May 26: Pittsburgh at Carolina
Friday, May 29: Carolina at Pittsburgh
Sunday, May 31: Pittsburgh at Carolina
Tuesday, June 2: Carolina at Pittsburgh

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago vs. Detroit

Detroit 5, Chicago 2, Detroit leads series 1-0
Tuesday: Chicago at Detroit
Friday: Detroit at Chicago
Sunday: Detroit at Chicago
Wednesday, May 27: Chicago at Detroit
Saturday, May 30: Detroit at Chicago
Monday, June 1: Chicago at Detroit
* — if necessary

Monday

Penguins 3, Hurricanes 2

Carolina 0 1 1-2
Pittsburgh 2 0 1-3
First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Satan 1 (Cooke, Gill), 9:17. 2, Pittsburgh, Malkin 7 (Boucher), 10:41.
Second Period—3, Carolina, LaRose 3 (Cole, Cullen), 13:04.
Third Period—4, Pittsburgh, Boucher 1 (Crosby, Malkin), 11:33 (pp). 5, Carolina, Corvo 2 (Whitney, Brind, Amour), 18:34 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Carolina 12-6-7-25. Pittsburgh 9-12-10-31.
Power-play opportunities—Carolina 1 of 2; Pittsburgh 1 of 4.
Goalies—Carolina, Ward 8-7-0 (31 shots-28 saves). Pittsburgh, Fleury 9-5-0 (25-23).
A-137,132 (16,940). T-2:20.

Vick faces pressure of showing true remorse

By LARRY O'DELL
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — As Michael Vick prepares to leave a federal penitentiary this week, one of his top priorities is to show he is genuinely sorry for actions that landed him in prison.

The former Atlanta Falcons quarterback is nearly finished paying his criminal debt to society and now faces the task of rebuilding his public image after lying about financing a dogfighting ring and for participating in the executions of poorly performing pit bulls.

His challenge: To show — through word and deed — his apology is sincere and doesn't come off as calculated and self-serving.

Vick has already apologized in court, but more aggressive steps toward atonement can begin after his transfer to home confinement Thursday.

His return to the NFL depends on how he does.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said last month that Vick must show true remorse, that he has learned from his mistakes and is prepared to live a different life. Only then will the commissioner consider lifting Vick's indefinite suspension.

Vick, who initially lied to Goodell and others about his involvement in dogfighting, will serve the last two months of his 23-month sentence at his house in Hampton, where he will be closely monitored by court officials. His time in federal custody ends July 20.

The breadth and timing of the reconciliation depends largely on how Vick conducts himself after his release, said Everett Worthington, psychology professor and forgiveness expert at Virginia Commonwealth University.

"There is a lot more to restoring public trust than just serving your time," Worthington said. "I'm not sure offenders think that way, but things are rarely made right by just doing the minimum."

Worthington said some people will never forgive Vick no matter what he says or does. But he said there are some things Vick can do to win over most fans and Goodell: set up foundations to benefit animals or disadvantaged youths, for example.

The tricky part is to avoid the appearance of a cynical PR campaign.

"He has to come across as contrite, really concerned about the damage he's done and wanting to restore integrity to the sport," Worthington said. "If he doesn't, he's kind of sunk."

Even experts have no surefire formula just how Vick is supposed to do that.

"How do you gauge somebody's real sincerity? You can't get in somebody's head," said sports psychologist Richard Lustberg of New York.

He said that even if Vick's attempts to repair his image come across as somewhat orchestrated, that shouldn't be viewed as a bad thing. "I don't know anyone walking around who wants to look bad," Lustberg said.

But to Karen Pierce, the issue is not complicated.

"He needs to relax, speak from the heart and be himself," said Pierce, who serves on the board of a foundation Vick established in 2006 to help disadvantaged teenagers in Atlanta and his hometown of Newport News. "I know the real Michael Vick, and he can come out of this. He can win some fans back. He's got to let people see him for who he is."

Pierce, who was Vick's seventh-grade English teacher, said they have kept in touch by mail and that Vick has told her one of his first goals after his release is to get the foundation up and running again. The foundation operated an after-school program for at-risk youths at a middle school before Vick's arrest, Pierce said.

She said the foundation was just one example of Vick's history of good deeds, most of which have gone unnoticed — buying uniforms or Gatorade for financially strapped youth football teams, for example.

"He has never looked for recognition," Pierce said. "Sometimes I would tell him, 'Mike, you need to let us know about these things so we can put out a press release.' He was always adamant: No."

Perhaps the toughest people to win over will be the animal rights activists who were outraged by the brutality displayed by Vick's "Bad Newz Kennels" dogfighting ring. Vick and his associates admitted that some dogs that fared poorly in test fights were killed by drowning, hanging, electrocution or being slammed to the ground.

The Humane Society of the United States announced Tuesday that Vick wants to work with the group on a program aimed

at eradicating dogfighting among urban teens.

Society president Wayne Pacelle said that he met with Vick at the federal prison in Leavenworth, Kan., and that the meeting came after Vick's legal team approached the animal-rights group.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals opposes Vick's reinstatement to the NFL unless he submits to a brain scan and psychological evaluation that proves he's capable of true remorse, spokesman Dan Shannon said.

Pierce said Vick has apologized directly to her, and she has no doubts about his sincerity.

"He's reiterated how sorry he is, how much time he's had to think and how he looks forward to playing football again and re-establishing the foundation," she said. "He told me, 'We've got to get out there and help these kids.'"

That's the sort of thing Goodell has made clear he needs to hear, and it needs to be heartfelt.

"Michael did an egregious thing," Goodell said last month. "He has paid a very significant price for that. If he's learned from that and is prepared to live a different life, I think the general public is forgiving on that when people are genuine and they show remorse and are prepared to live a different life. That's something he has to prove to myself and the general public."

AP Sports Writer Hank Kurz Jr. contributed to this report.

NFL briefs

Owners choose to play 2013 Super Bowl in New Orleans

The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — New Orleans is a Super Bowl city again.

NFL owners voted Tuesday to play the 2013 Super Bowl in New Orleans, the first time the championship game will be played there since Hurricane Katrina shredded parts of the Louisiana Superdome. The hurricane caused 1,600 deaths and devastated the Gulf Coast four years ago.

New Orleans beat out Miami — which sought a record 11th Super Bowl — and 2008 host Glendale, Ariz., for the game. This is the 10th time New Orleans will be the site for the Super Bowl.

New Orleans last hosted in 2002, when Adam Vinatieri's 48-yard field goal as time expired lifted New England over St. Louis.

Harrison stands by decision to skip White House trip

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison says he can't believe there's so much fuss being made about him skipping the Super Bowl champions' White House visit with President Barack Obama on Thursday.

Harrison will bypass the traditional ceremony, just as he did when the Steelers were honored by President George W. Bush at the White House in June 2006.

Harrison was a backup when the Steelers won the Super Bowl during the 2005 season, but was the NFL Defensive Player of the Year last season. His 100-yard interception return during Pittsburgh's 27-23 victory over Arizona is the longest scoring play in Super Bowl history.

Niners waive DB Williams

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The San Francisco 49ers have waived defensive back Jimmy Williams just four months after signing the former Virginia Tech star.

Williams was a second-round pick by Atlanta in 2006, but the Falcons waived him last June. He spent last season out of football before the 49ers signed him in January.

San Francisco was interested in Williams as a backup strong safety, but coach Mike Singletary said Monday the club already has ample depth at safety.

NFL, Comcast settle dispute

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The NFL Network will remain available to Comcast cable customers.

The league and the cable provider announced a long-term agreement Tuesday that will keep the NFL-owned channel out of Comcast's premium sports tier of programming.

Comcast, the nation's largest

cable company, had said the NFL wanted a 350 percent increase in fees it would pay to carry the network. Those fees are based on numbers of viewers, so Comcast aimed to move the channel from a digital tier with 8.6 million subscribers to a sports package with 2 million subscribers and for an additional monthly fee.

The NFL said Comcast will begin repositioning NFL Network to its digital classic level of service and have a full launch by August 1.

Eagles defensive coordinator Johnson takes leave

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Johnson has taken an indefinite leave of absence while he continues treatment for a cancerous tumor on his spine.

"Jim and I agreed that he needs to concentrate all of his efforts on his recovery," Eagles coach Andy Reid said Monday. "His health is number one."

Johnson, 67, complained of back pain in early January. He coached from the press box in a playoff win over the New York Giants and in the Eagles' loss to the Arizona Cardinals in the NFC championship. An MRI after the playoff win against the Giants on Jan. 11 alerted doctors that something might be wrong.

Johnson was treated for mela-



BRADLEY C. BOWER/AP

Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Johnson, right, runs defensive drills from his motorized scooter at the team's first minicamp of the season earlier this month. Johnson is taking an indefinite leave of absence while he continues treatment for cancer.

noma in 2001. Following the Arizona loss, the team announced the cancer had returned.

NFL extends CBS and FOX deals through 2014 season

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The prospect of more NFL games apparently is going to require more talking.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said Tuesday he doesn't anticipate a vote at this week's spring meeting in South Florida on lengthening the regular season to 17 or 18 games.

The NFL extended its television deals with Fox and CBS Tuesday for two years through the 2013 season, and Goodell acknowledged "flexibility" for more games. But it now seems likely no

decision will be made until talks are held with players in the coming weeks and months.

"We have tried to look at this from every different perspective because you want to know the intended consequences and the unintended consequences," Goodell said. "Whenever you're dealing with the quality of the game, that's a key factor."

Goodell has mentioned in the last few months the need to replace preseason games in which few star players get on the field with "meaningful" football. The plan would likely cut the preseason schedule to two games, start the season in its typical slot just after Labor Day and add the new game or two to the end of the current 16-game format.

Sports briefs

Hip surgery sidelines Delgado until July

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carlos Delgado had hip surgery Tuesday, and the New York Mets expect their slug-ging first baseman to return in late July.

The team said he had arthroscopic surgery at the Hospital for Special Surgery and will need a recovery period of about 10 weeks. Delgado was diagnosed with an impingement of the hip, a bone spur and torn labrum.

Yankees star Alex Rodriguez had surgery in March for a torn labrum — cartilage that lines the hip socket to stabilize and cushion the joint. He returned to the team two months later.

Delgado was put on the 15-day disabled list Saturday. The two-time All-Star first baseman is hitting .298 with four home runs and 23 RBIs in 26 games. His 473 home runs are two shy of Stan Musial and Willie Stargell for 28th place on the career list.

"I feel for Carlos because I know how badly he wants to be out there, but we can't worry about how much we'll miss him," third baseman David Wright said. "We've got to look forward and go with the guys we've got and take care of our business. We can't sit back and feel sorry for ourselves because we're missing one of our main guys. Everybody has to do a little bit more. The guys that are in there every day have to pick up the slack."

Delgado, 36, enjoyed a resurgence last year, batting .271 with 38 homers and 115 RBIs.

"He's a big part of this ballclub and a big part of this lineup, so we're going to miss him," center fielder and No. 3 hitter Carlos Beltran said. "But we still have to go out and play baseball, do the best we can with what we've got and keep ourselves in good shape (in the standings) so that he can help us when he comes back."

Delgado had been ailing for more than a week before going on the DL, and had not played since May 10. Fernando Tatis and Jeremy Reed have started at first base in Delgado's absence.

"We made a real good run last year with people who were not in their natural positions," Mets manager Jerry Manuel said. "I mean, we played two third base-

men in the outfield, and they responded very well."

Leagues support NHL in Coyotes fight

PHOENIX — The NFL, Major League Baseball and the NBA have lined up in support of the NHL's court fight to block the sale of the Phoenix Coyotes and move to southern Canada.

The other major sports leagues, including the office of baseball commissioner Bud Selig, filed statements in U.S. Bankruptcy Court on Monday in support of the NHL.

All three statements ask the U.S. Bankruptcy Court to "respect the National Hockey League's rules and procedures regarding ownership transfer and relocation."

The statements of baseball and the NBA ask that the court "not set precedent that could severely disrupt the business of professional hockey," baseball, basketball and other major league sports.

The NFL statement asked the court to avoid a "precedent that has the potential to undermine or disrupt the business of professional hockey, football or other major league sports."

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman added his voice to the flood of court documents in the league's battle with Coyotes owner Jerry Moyes and the attempt to sell the franchise and move it to southern Ontario.

Bettman filed a declaration on Monday stating he has had control of the franchise since November and that Moyes was not authorized to take the team into Chapter 11 bankruptcy earlier this month.

The league also says Moyes had been stripped of authority to negotiate sale of the team. Moyes' bankruptcy filing on May 5, which took the league by surprise, includes a plan to sell the team for \$212.5 million to Jim Balsillie, who heads the company that makes the BlackBerry, contingent on moving the franchise to Hamilton, Ontario.

Ex-NBA forward Brian Grant has Parkinson's

Former NBA forward Brian Grant revealed Monday that he has Parkinson's disease and is

starting a Web site devoted to his fight with the neurological disorder.

Grant, 37, told ESPN.com that he was diagnosed in January with "young onset Parkinson's" and began having tremors in his left hand last summer. He consulted two other well-known Parkinson's sufferers, Michael J. Fox and Muhammad Ali, and quickly implemented several lifestyle changes.

Grant played parts of 12 seasons in the NBA with Sacramento, Portland, Miami, Phoenix and the Los Angeles Lakers. He last played in the 2005-06 season, when chronically bad knees forced his retirement. He averaged 10.5 points and 7.4 rebounds per game in his career.

Grant was on the NBA's All-Rookie team in 1995.

Nuggets, WWE battle for arena date

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — World Wrestling Entertainment thrives on outlandish story lines and characters, but the company finds itself embroiled in a real-life controversy with the Denver Nuggets. And WWE's bombastic owner is making the most of it.

The plot: Who has rights to Denver's Pepsi Center on Monday — the Nuggets, hosting their first Western Conference final since 1985, or the WWE's traveling TV soap opera?

WWE chairman Vince McMahon, the promoter who helped transform professional wrestling into prime-time television entertainment, fired the first salvo Monday. In interviews with ESPN, he loudly called out Nuggets owner Stan Kroenke and challenged him to a steel-cage match. (Is there any other way to resolve a grudge?)

WWE spokesman Robert Zimmerman said the company reserved the Pepsi Center on Aug. 15 and had already sold more than 10,000 tickets for its the Monday Night Raw event. He said the organization expects a sellout, with tickets ranging from \$20 to \$70.

But the Nuggets are planning to play Game 4 of the NBA's Western Conference finals against the Los Angeles Lakers on Monday at the Pepsi Center, the team's home floor.

The NBA, which sets the play-off schedule, is leaving it to the Nuggets and the WWE to work out the dispute.

WWE is promoting the arena dispute as the "Denver Debacle" on its Web site, which it said got 18 million U.S. unique visitors last month, more than than CBS.com, ABC.com, NBC.com, NFL.com or NBA.com.

The WWE said its crews will be in Denver on Monday night, even if it means putting on a show in a parking lot.

Mine that Bird needs jockey for Belmont

LOS ANGELES — Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird is in need of yet another jockey.

Mike Smith, who rode the gelding to a second-place finish in Saturday's Preakness Stakes, won't ride him in the Belmont Stakes on June 6 because of a previous commitment.

Smith is already set to ride Madeo in the \$300,000 Charles Whittingham Memorial Handicap at Hollywood Park that day.

The Hall of Fame rider is sticking with Madeo out of his loyalty to owners Jerry and Ann Moss and trainer John Shirreffs. Together, they won the 2005 Kentucky Derby on Giacomo, who like Mine That Bird, was a 50-1 long shot.

That means Calvin Borel, who rode Mine That Bird to a stunning victory in the Derby, could get back on him for the Belmont if Rachel Alexandra doesn't run.

Borel opted to ride Rachel Alexandra in the Preakness, and she became the first filly in 85 years to win the second leg of the Triple Crown. Co-owner Jess Jackson has not yet decided if she will run in the Belmont.

Brad Pegram, Smith's agent, told Chip Woolley Jr., who trains Mine That Bird, of the jockey's decision on Monday. Woolley had been planning to use Smith in the Belmont, regardless of whether Rachel Alexandra runs.

Gordon has procedure on back

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Four-time NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon has undergone a procedure on his back to help alleviate the pain he's suffered from for more than a year.

Gordon says he had a facet block procedure on Monday. The procedure typically calls for a physician to inject lidocaine and or an anti-inflammatory medication into the back for relief.

Gordon says he was sore after the procedure, but will race this weekend at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

Lowry to have surgery for circulatory problem

SAN DIEGO — San Francisco Giants left-hander Noah Lowry was scheduled to undergo surgery Tuesday to remove the first rib on his left side, due to symptoms from thoracic outlet syndrome.

The surgery to correct the circulatory problem was to be performed by Dr. Greg Pearl, a vascular surgeon at the Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

The team said a prognosis for recovery won't be determined until after surgery.

Reds put RH Masset on DL with strained muscles

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds put right-handed reliever Nick Masset on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday with strained muscles in his left side.

Masset hasn't pitched since May 10, when he retired four batters in a loss to St. Louis. The Reds were hoping the injury would heal last week, but it lingered long enough to force the move. Masset is 1-0 with a 1.23 ERA in 11 relief appearances.

Mobile bowl will pit ACC team against top MAC club

MOBILE, Ala. — A team from the Atlantic Coast Conference will face the top selection from the Mid-American Conference in the GMAC Bowl in Mobile next year.

The ACC will send its ninth pick to Mobile.

The new agreement was reached after the ACC's contract expired with the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, Idaho. The ACC will take the place of Conference USA, which has sent a team to the GMAC Bowl in each of the 10 years the game has been in existence.



Stripes Father's Day Messages

Send a message for FREE at Stripes.com

STARS AND STRIPES is accepting
Father's Day Messages for PRINT and ONLINE display

Messages received by May 29 will be printed
in the June 21st editions of Stars and Stripes.

Messages received after May 29 will be posted online at Stripes.com

MLB scoreboard

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	27	14	.659	—
Boston	22	16	.579	3½
New York	21	17	.553	4½
Tampa Bay	20	20	.500	6½
Baltimore	16	22	.421	9½
Central Division				
Detroit	20	16	.556	—
Kansas City	20	18	.526	1
Minnesota	18	21	.462	3½
Chicago	15	22	.405	5½
Cleveland	14	25	.359	7½
West Division				
Texas	23	14	.622	—
Los Angeles	19	18	.514	4
Seattle	18	21	.462	6
Oakland	13	22	.371	9
Sunday's games				
N.Y. Yankees 3, Minnesota 2, 10 innings				
Detroit 11, Oakland 7				
Toronto 8, Chicago White Sox 2				
Tampa Bay 7, Cleveland 5				
Texas 3, L.A. Angels 0				
Kansas City 7, Baltimore 4				
Seattle 3, Boston 2				
Monday's games				
Toronto 3, Chicago White Sox 2				
N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 6				
Tampa Bay 13, Oakland 4				
L.A. Angels 10, Seattle 6				
Tuesday's games				
Texas at Detroit				
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees				
Oakland at Tampa Bay				
Toronto at Boston				
Cleveland at Kansas City				
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox				
L.A. Angels at Seattle				
Wednesday's games				
Texas (Harrison 4-2) at Detroit (Verlander 3-2)				
Baltimore (Guthrie 3-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Hughes 1-2)				
Oakland (Anderson 0-4) at Tampa Bay (Kazmir 4-3)				
Toronto (Cecil 2-0) at Boston (Penny 3-1)				
Cleveland (Carmona 2-4) at Kansas City (Meche 2-4)				
Minnesota (Liriano 2-4) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 2-3)				
L.A. Angels (Santana 0-0) at Seattle (Jakubauskas 2-4)				
Thursday's games				
Texas at Detroit				
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox				
Cleveland at Kansas City				
Oakland at Tampa Bay				
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees				
Toronto at Boston				
L.A. Angels at Seattle				



TED S. WARREN/AP

Los Angeles Angels catcher Mike Napoli tags the Mariners' Ronny Cedeno out at the plate in the second inning Monday at Safeco Field in Seattle, keeping the Mariners to two runs. The Angels rallied to win.

Rays 13, Athletics 4				
Oakland				
	ab	r	h	bi
OCarer ss	3	1	1	1
Cngm lf	1	0	0	0
KSuzuk c	4	1	1	0
Cust dh	4	1	2	2
Hollidy lf	3	0	0	0
Hannhn 3b	1	0	0	0
Giambi 1b	2	0	0	0
Powell 1b	1	0	0	0
Kenndy 2b	4	0	2	0
RSwuy cf	3	0	1	0
RDavis ph	1	0	0	0
Crosby 3b-ss	4	0	0	0
T.Buck rf	3	1	2	0
Totals	34	4	9	4
Tampa Bay				
	ab	r	h	bi
BUpont cf	3	1	0	0
Gross rf	1	0	0	0
Crwfrd lf	3	0	0	0
Kapler ph-cf	2	0	0	0
Longori 3b	5	2	2	0
C.Pena 1b	2	3	1	0
Zobrist rf-lf	3	1	0	1
Wayar dh	2	3	1	0
Bartlett ss	3	3	3	5
Iawmr 2b	4	0	2	3
MHRnd c	4	0	0	1
Totals	32	13	9	11
National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	20	16	.556	—
New York	21	17	.553	—
Atlanta	18	19	.486	2½
Florida	18	20	.474	3
Washington	11	26	.297	9½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	24	14	.632	—
Chicago	21	15	.583	2
St. Louis	21	17	.553	3
Cincinnati	20	17	.541	3½
Houston	17	19	.472	6
Pittsburgh	17	21	.447	7
West Division				
Los Angeles	27	13	.675	—
San Francisco	19	18	.514	6½
San Diego	16	22	.421	10
Colorado	15	22	.405	10½
Arizona	14	23	.378	11½
Sunday's games				
L.A. Dodgers 12, Florida 5				
Pittsburgh 11, Colorado 4				
Philadelphia 8, Washington 6				
Arizona at Atlanta, ppd., rain				
Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 2				
Houston 6, Chicago Cubs 5				
San Diego 3, Cincinnati 1				
San Francisco 2, N.Y. Mets 0				
Monday's games				
Pittsburgh 12, Washington 7				
Colorado 5, Atlanta 1				
Arizona at Florida, ppd., rain				
Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 4				
L.A. Dodgers 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 11 innings				
Tuesday's games				
Pittsburgh at Washington				
Philadelphia at Cincinnati				
Colorado at Atlanta				
Arizona at Florida				
Milwaukee at Houston				
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis				
San Francisco at San Diego				
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers				
Wednesday's games				
Arizona (Davis 2-5 and Augenstein 0-1) at Florida (Volstad 2-3 and Penn 1-0)				
Pittsburgh (Maholm 3-1) at Washington (Lannan 2-3)				
Philadelphia (Moyer 3-3) at Cincinnati (Owings 3-4)				
Colorado (De La Rosa 0-3) at Atlanta (Vazquez 3-3)				
Milwaukee (Gallardo 4-1) at Houston (Rodriguez 4-2)				
Chicago Cubs (Dempster 3-2) at St. Louis (Carpenter 1-0)				
San Francisco (Sanchez 1-3) at San Diego (Gaudin 0-3)				
N.Y. Mets (Hernandez 3-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Stults 4-1)				
Thursday's games				
Philadelphia at Cincinnati				
Pittsburgh at Washington				
Colorado at Atlanta				
Arizona at Florida				
Milwaukee at Houston				
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis				
San Francisco at San Diego				

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	20	16	.556	—
New York	21	17	.553	—
Atlanta	18	19	.486	2½
Florida	18	20	.474	3
Washington	11	26	.297	9½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	24	14	.632	—
Chicago	21	15	.583	2
St. Louis	21	17	.553	3
Cincinnati	20	17	.541	3½
Houston	17	19	.472	6
Pittsburgh	17	21	.447	7
West Division				
Los Angeles	27	13	.675	—
San Francisco	19	18	.514	6½
San Diego	16	22	.421	10
Colorado	15	22	.405	10½
Arizona	14	23	.378	11½
Sunday's games				
L.A. Dodgers 12, Florida 5				
Pittsburgh 11, Colorado 4				
Philadelphia 8, Washington 6				
Arizona at Atlanta, ppd., rain				
Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 2				
Houston 6, Chicago Cubs 5				
San Diego 3, Cincinnati 1				
San Francisco 2, N.Y. Mets 0				
Monday's games				
Pittsburgh 12, Washington 7				
Colorado 5, Atlanta 1				
Arizona at Florida, ppd., rain				
Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 4				
L.A. Dodgers 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 11 innings				
Tuesday's games				
Pittsburgh at Washington				
Philadelphia at Cincinnati				
Colorado at Atlanta				
Arizona at Florida				
Milwaukee at Houston				
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis				
San Francisco at San Diego				
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers				
Wednesday's games				
Arizona (Davis 2-5 and Augenstein 0-1) at Florida (Volstad 2-3 and Penn 1-0)				
Pittsburgh (Maholm 3-1) at Washington (Lannan 2-3)				
Philadelphia (Moyer 3-3) at Cincinnati (Owings 3-4)				
Colorado (De La Rosa 0-3) at Atlanta (Vazquez 3-3)				
Milwaukee (Gallardo 4-1) at Houston (Rodriguez 4-2)				
Chicago Cubs (Dempster 3-2) at St. Louis (Carpenter 1-0)				
San Francisco (Sanchez 1-3) at San Diego (Gaudin 0-3)				
N.Y. Mets (Hernandez 3-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Stults 4-1)				
Thursday's games				
Philadelphia at Cincinnati				
Pittsburgh at Washington				
Colorado at Atlanta				
Arizona at Florida				
Milwaukee at Houston				
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis				
San Francisco at San Diego				

NL roundup

Brewers complete sweep

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A few hours before game time, the Milwaukee Brewers were jolted by the news that second baseman Rickie Weeks would be lost for the season with a wrist injury.

"I love Rickie, and I told everybody that at the pregame," manager Ken Macha said. "He's a tremendous guy, but we need to go out and play, too."

"I thought we responded well." They sure did. The Brewers completed a three-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals with an 8-4 victory Monday night.

Braden Looper carried a two-hitter into the seventh to beat his former team, Mat Gamel made his first career start memorable with a three-run homer and Jason Kendall became the eighth full-time catcher to reach 2,000 hits.

That all helped the Brewers win their sixth in a row and 12th in 14 games despite the news that Weeks would require surgery for a left wrist injury with a recovery time of four to six months.

Milwaukee is a major league-best 20-5 since a 4-9 start heading into a three-game series beginning Tuesday at Houston.

"We're just going to get ready for tomorrow's game, that's the way you've got to approach it," Macha said. "You can't get too excited when you win a whole bunch, or you can't get excited when you lose a whole bunch."

The Cardinals' decision to start Kyle Lohse (3-3) on two days' rest after he worked two innings in Friday's rainout backfired. Lohse needed 89 pitches to work four innings and left trailing 4-0 after giving up consecutive doubles

to J.J. Hardy and Ryan Braun to start the third and then surrendering Gamel's homer.

Colby Rasmus and Skip Schumaker hit two-run homers in the seventh for St. Louis, which totaled two runs the first two games in the series. The Cardinals hope to activate Rick Ankiel and ace pitcher Chris Carpenter from the 15-day disabled list Wednesday.

"I truly think we're going to be a different team when we get our boys back," Schumaker said.

La Russa blamed himself for going with Lohse, while the Brewers slotted Yovani Gallardo to get regular rest before his next outing Wednesday. The rainout boxed in the Cardinals, who had optioned Mitchell Boggs to Triple-A Memphis hours before the game and then ended up needing another starter.

"Pitching Kyle was a bad decision," La Russa said. "However I figured it, there was a better way to go, and I went the wrong way. I put him in a bad position to have a tough day and it's my fault."

Looper (4-2) became a starter with the Cardinals in 2007-08, but had to settle for a free-agent deal with Milwaukee after going 12-14 last year. He's 62-60 for his career, but is the winningest pitcher at 4-year-old Busch Stadium at 21-13 with a 3.52 ERA.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say it's a little extra sweet," Looper said.

Gamel, 23, was recalled from Triple-A Nashville on Thursday and got his first start at third base ahead of Bill Hall, 1-for-15 against Lohse. He homered into the Cardinals' bullpen in right on a 1-2 pitch to put the Brewers ahead 4-0 in the third.

Kendall singled off Lohse with one out in the second for his milestone hit and added an RBI single in the fifth for his second straight two-hit game. He's 47 hits behind Johnny Bench for seventh on the list among players with at least 1,000 games as a catcher.

Dodgers 3, Mets 2 (11): The visiting New York Mets, who had the go-ahead run taken away on an appeal play after Ryan Church missed third base in the top of the 11th, committed two of their five errors in the bottom half.

Church singled with two outs against Ramon Troncoso (1-0) and came around on Angel Pagan's drive to the fence in right-center. But Church missed third base and the Dodgers appealed. So instead of an RBI triple, Pagan settled for a single, his fourth hit.

Mark Loretta walked to open the Dodgers 11th. Xavier Paul's fly ball to left-center against Brian Stokes (1-2) fell between Pagan and Carlos Beltran, who was charged with an error. An intentional walk loaded the bases and Rafael Furcal fled out to shallow left with New York employing a five-man infield.

Orlando Hudson hit a routine grounder to first, but Reed, who entered in the 10th as a pinch hitter, tried for the force at home and threw wildly past catcher Ramon Castro.

Rockies 5, Braves 1: At Atlanta, Colorado's Jason Marquis outdueled Derek Lowe in front of 15,364, the smallest paid crowd since Turner Field opened in 1997.

Marquis (5-3) scattered five hits and allowed one run in eight innings to end a two-start losing



TOM GANNAM/AP

Milwaukee's Mat Gamel celebrates with Ryan Braun, right, and Prince Fielder next to St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina after Gamel's three-run homer in the third inning Monday in St. Louis. The Brewers won 8-4 to sweep the three-game series.

streak. Lowe (5-2) was attempting to become the NL's first six-game winner, but allowed two runs, three hits and one walk in eight innings, losing for the first time in five starts.

The Braves dropped to 6-11 at Turner Field this season.

Pirates 12, Nationals 7: Host Washington made four errors — all on routine plays — and the bullpen had another lead-blown implosion in the loss to Pittsburgh.

A five-run sixth inning led Pittsburgh to its third straight victory and ended an eight-game

road losing streak.

Ross Ohlendorf (5-3) won despite allowing four extra-base hits in a five-run fifth. Craig Monroe hit a three-run homer, and Jack Wilson got four hits for the Pirates.

Washington reliever Garrett Mock (0-2) had a walk, a wild pitch, a hit batter and allowed Wilson's game-tying two-RBI double in 15 pitches in the sixth.

Nick Johnson and Ryan Zimmerman, who has reached base safely in 36 straight games, hit back-to-back homers in the fifth for the Nationals.

AL roundup

Lackey gets win as Angels rally past Mariners

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Los Angeles Angels' lead dog was back.

And this time, for more than two pitches.

John Lackey, the ace who returned from a strained forearm only to get ejected for throwing behind and hitting Texas' Ian Kinsler on his only two pitches Saturday, threw 80 more Monday. They weren't his best ones, but Torii Hunter hit a three-run double in a five-run fifth inning and Kendry Morales homered twice, rallying Lackey and Los Angeles to a 10-6 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

"Maybe his command wasn't as sharp or fine as it will be," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said after Lackey allowed five runs — four earned — on seven hits in five logging innings.

"John's a guy who likes to set the tone," he added. "He takes a lot of pride in doing that. ... It's nice to have a lead dog."

And Lackey was barking — at himself and his defense's alignment after Ken Griffey Jr. beat an infield shift on an RBI single in the fifth to cut the Angels' lead to 6-5. His night ended soon after that, yet

Lackey (1-0) was pleased to say he could have gone longer.

"My last pitch was down and away. That's a pretty good location for me," he said. "That's a pitch that gets elevated when I'm tired."

Even though he allowed four earned runs in five innings, Lackey's ERA dropped — from infinity for allowing an earned run with no outs recorded, to 9.00.

"Yeah, it was definitely a different week," he said. "It will be nice to have a regular work week and pitch again in five days."

Noticeably few of his pitches were inside, and none was near a hitter. There was not even a dirty look from Seattle's batters. They've had their own problems while losing 11 of 14 games.

"If you'd told me we would get 10 hits and six runs, [I would have said] we'd win this game," Mariners manager Don Wakamatsu said.

Searching for a spark, Seattle benched slumping cleanup hitter Adrian Beltre for the first time this season. His replacement, Vladimir Balentien, hit a sacrifice fly in the first and later doubled. Wakamatsu wouldn't say if Balentien will remain the No. 4 hitter when Beltre returns to the line-

up Tuesday night.

Russell Branyan hit his 10th homer, second in two days, off Lackey to begin the fourth.

But Los Angeles banged around former teammate Jarrod Washburn, Brandon Morrow and Denny Stark to tie a season high for runs, giving Lackey his first win since Sept. 21 and ending the Angels' three-game skid.

With two runs already in, Hunter unloaded the bases in the fifth by hacking a high fastball to the opposite-field gap, away from lunging right fielder Ichiro Suzuki.

Morales hit his seventh homer in the sixth, a two-run shot to straightaway center off Morrow after Seattle closed to within a run. Morales added a solo shot in the eighth off Stark for his first multihomer game.

Washburn (3-3) blew leads of 3-0 and 4-1.

Rays 13, Athletics 4: Jason Bartlett drove in a career-high five runs and host Tampa Bay claimed a season-best four-game winning streak.

Rookie Jeff Niemann (4-3) allowed four runs and eight hits in eight innings to win for the fourth time in his last five decisions.

He struck out three and walked none in the longest outing of his career.

Bartlett went 3-for-3 with a walk to raise his batting average to .384. He had a two-run single off Sean Gallagher (1-2) in the first, as well as a run-scoring triple in the fifth and a two-run single in the sixth.

The A's have been outscored 47-13 during a four-game losing streak in which their starting pitchers have yielded 31 runs — 23 earned — in 13 innings.

Yankees 7, Twins 6: At New York, Mark Teixeira homered from both sides of the plate, combining with Alex Rodriguez for back-to-back drives in a six-run first inning to help New York complete a four-game sweep of Minnesota.

After stringing together three straight walk-off victories for the first time since 1972, the Yankees overcame a 2-0 first-inning deficit and hung on to extend their winning streak to a season-high six.

Andy Pettitte (4-1) allowed four runs and 12 hits in 6²/₃ innings.

Glen Perkins (1-3) lasted just nine batters and got two outs, allowing six runs and seven hits.

SPORTS



Preparation pays off for
little-used Boucher as Penguins
win Game 1 of East final, Page 27



Cleveland
Cavaliers forward
LeBron James



Orlando
Magic center
Dwight Howard

AP photos

LEBRON & SUPERMAN

Stars collide as James, Howard meet in NBA playoffs

By TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio Two of the NBA's youngest ambassadors, they share infectious smiles, great senses of humor and unchained joy when they play. In a league loaded with remarkably gifted athletes, this pair stands out as physical phenomena.

Superheroes in shorts.

One is Superman, a powerful, 6-foot-11 shot-blocking machine who went so far as to reject his coach during the playoffs.

The other's a King, and based on recent royal command performances, his reign might be just beginning.

Dwight Howard and LeBron James have known one another for years. Casual friends, No. 1 overall draft picks as teenagers and U.S. Olympic teammates who won gold medals last summer, they have been undeniable forces on the court this season. And they are about to collide.

When the Orlando Magic and Cleveland Cavaliers meet in the Eastern Conference final starting Wednesday, all eyes will be on Howard and James, the better-by-the-day superstars who have elevated their games and carried their teams to new heights.

"We both work hard in the offseason,

EASTERN CONFERENCE FINAL

Cavs, Magic battle for the East

LeBron James and the Cavs, with an NBA-high 66 victories, take on the Orlando Magic, who dethroned the defending champion Celtics by winning Game 7 in Boston.

Regular-season (playoff) records • playoff statistics



Source: National Basketball Association

AP

and we're both happy we're in this situation right now," James said after practice on Monday.

Orlando's landing in the conference final was nothing short of magical.

In dethroning the defending champion Celtics on Sunday by winning Game 7 in

Boston, the Magic became the first team in 33 tries to overcome a 3-2 series deficit against the league's most storied franchise. Howard scored 12 points and had 16 rebounds and five blocks in the finale.

Orlando's surprising comeback began after Howard criticized coach Stan Van

Gundy after a loss in Game 5, when the Magic blew a 14-point fourth-quarter lead. Howard was upset that he didn't touch the ball enough late in the game and questioned some of Van Gundy's substitution patterns.

By the time the Magic made the Celtics disappear, all seemed to be forgotten.

"Me and coach talked," Howard said. "Everything is great. We have a new stat that we came up with. When we call out the coach, we are 3-0."

Turning serious for a moment, the fun-loving Howard, who often does spot-on imitations of his coach, attributed Orlando's recovery to growing older and wiser.

"We have matured as a team," he said. "We have learned that we can't allow frustration to take over us during games or after games. We have to play through all that and Stan has been a great mentor and a coach for me personally, knowing that there are going to be nights when I am frustrated. He has always found a way to motivate me to keep myself and my teammates in line."

While Howard may enjoy communicating his thoughts to legions of his followers on Twitter, the 23-year-old has an old-school sensibility when it comes to relationships and learning from mistakes. The

SEE STARS ON PAGE 27